

# Many Southern Baptist Churches Attempt To Keep C

# Salaries Rising

By Theo Sommerkamp

DALLAS (BP)—Many Southern Baptist churches appear to be trying to keep the income of pastors, ministers of education and ministers of music in line with the soaring consumer price index.

The Years Ahead, quarterly publication of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board here, observed this while studying reports of total compensation and comparing these with consumer price indexes between 1971 and 1973.

The publication indicated that unless churches heed the consumer price index, they may give increases in income which are not enough to match

the pace of the rising cost of living.

A survey undertaken by the research services and church administration departments of the SBC Sunday School Board, based in Nashville, shows average total compensation for pastors in the SBC increased between 11.2 and 20.2 per cent between 1971 and 1973. The increase varied by size of church memberships.

During the same 24 months, the consumer price index spiraled upward 11.6 per cent, from 122.4 to 136.6 per cent. Although individual cases may vary from this, most reported increases in total compensation for pastors exceeded the 11.6 percent

rise in price index, The Years Ahead reported.

Total compensation includes salary plus housing and utilities allowances, auto expenses, church-paid retirement and insurance protection and certain other benefits.

The Annuity Board uses the total compensation figure as the basis for studying income, since it urges churches to pay retirement protection for their pastors and staff based on the higher total compensation amount, rather than on salary alone.

Between 1969 and 1971, when the last previous Annuity Board comparison was made, pastors' total compensation rose only in a range from 5.1 to 8.8

per cent, while the consumer price index moved upward 10.7 per cent, according to the Annuity Board periodical.

In other words, during the 1969-1971 span, compensation gains failed to match cost of living hikes.

Since the Sunday School Board survey was issued in October, 1973, the consumer price index has risen another 6.6 percent over six months. This is not reflected in the Annuity Board conclusions, although, of course, many churches increased incomes when new budgets took effect with new cal-

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## Bible Conference: Louisville

LOUISVILLE — Over three thousand persons are expected to attend the East Central Bible Conference Oct. 14-17, 1974, at Louisville, Ky.

Three Louisville churches will be utilized for the four-day meeting. Adults will meet at Walnut Street Baptist Church and Fourth Avenue Methodist Church, while youth will meet at Fourth Avenue Baptist Church.

Using the theme "The Spirit - Filled Life," this conference is designed to help Christians grasp the Biblical concept of the Spirit-filled life and to challenge them to experience fullness of life implied by the phrase.

Carl E. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and Roy J. Fish, professor of evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, each will deliver a series of four messages to the evening adult meetings. Bates will speak at Fourth Avenue Methodist Church and Fish at Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Roger Roberts, pastor of Parma Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, will speak each evening to the youth meeting at Fourth Avenue Baptist Church.

Thirteen simultaneous conferences are offered each evening for adults and five for youth. Eight of the evening conferences also will be offered in the morning and five in the afternoon for conferees unable to attend the evening sessions.

Some of the conference titles are Luke — "Gifts of the Spirit;" Acts — "Witnessing by the Spirit;" I Corinthians — "Gifts of the Spirit;" and Galatians — "Fellowship in the Spirit."

The East Central Bible Conference is being sponsored jointly by the Sunday School departments of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, the Illinois Baptist State Association and the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, along with the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department at the Sunday School Board is director of the conference. G. Allen West, executive director of the Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville, is steering committee chairman, and Roy E. Boatwright, Sunday School secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is steering committee secretary. Joe Ann Shelton, Fort Worth, will be conference soloist.

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## Hits Proposal, Federal Aid To Churches

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Dr. James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has charged that a bill now before Congress designed to promote charitable giving would violate the principle of voluntarism in religion.

He expressed opposition to H.R. 15722, sponsored by Rep. H. John Heinz III (R-Pa.), which would allow taxpayers the option of taking a tax credit for 50 per cent of their charitable contributions in lieu of the lower deductions currently allowed for such contributions.

While the tax credit limit would be \$500 for the single taxpayer or \$1,000 on a joint return, the net effect of the plan would be to increase a middle-income taxpayer's deduction from the current 15 or 20 per cent to 50 per cent should the measure become law.

In appealing for passage of his measure, Mr. Heinz has said, "I do not believe that we in Congress can stand by while religious, educational and charitable organizations wither and die, because the average American must reduce his or her donations in order to pay for life's necessities for his or her family."

Testifying in opposition to the measure, Dr. Wood commented, "While the desire to put more money into the treasuries of the churches is highly commendable, and, indeed, attractive to many churchmen, the way it should be done is by voluntary stewardship rather than by governmental action."

He declared that "one of the strengths of religion in America has been that, in the absence of financial support by government, the churches and synagogues have relied on the dedication of their own members for the advancement of their particular views. Not only does the principle of voluntarism in religion militate against federal financial aid to the churches, it is highly questionable that such a proposal as tax credit for gifts to churches is acceptable to the Constitution."

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"Labourers Together With God"

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God. . . (I Corinthians 3:8, 9a). — RNS Photo.

SBC Leader Says:

## Politics Demands Moral Discernment

RIDGECREST, N. C. (RNS) — Dr. Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, has urged Christians to use "moral discernment" in investigating political campaigns conducted for candidates they support.

Speaking at a conference on the Bible and Life at the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, he commented that "not enough Christians make it a point to discover the real background of people running for public office. A lot of church people today vote for a person running for office because he teaches a Sunday school class or tithes or abstains from drinking liquor."

Dr. Valentine asserted that "not enough Christians make it a point to find out his views about taxes, his effectiveness in translating his political ideas into concrete projects, his relationships to special interests, his commitment to lighten the burdens of the needy, his views of the grave social issues that affect us in these times."

He called on Christians to "use moral discernment in determining who is running a political campaign and who finances his campaign. It sometimes happens that evil forces put up 'righteous' people as candidates to hoodwink the voters. Under the circumstances if better moral forces had happened to be supporting a candidate with less widely advertised personal virtues, the Christian citizen may decide, in his use of moral discernment, that the right thing to do is not to vote for the 'best' person, but for the person who represents the best moral forces."

One of the greatest scandals in America, Dr. Valentine contended, "is the bad citizenship of otherwise good and thoughtful people. We can no more wash our hands of responsibilities we have as Christians in the area of politics and the use of power than Pontius Pilate could wash his

## Baptistry On Wheels In Brussels Church

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The Brussels International Baptist Church has an unusual baptistry — one that rolls on wheels.

The large steel tank was designed by a former member who is a construction engineer and built under his direction by

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hands of his responsibility" in relationship to the crucifixion of Christ.

"With recent developments, 'law emerging already from the flame,' into the fiery furnace, but they are emerging already from the flame," the Southern Baptist leader said. "An individual more powerful than any king on earth has fallen, but our government stands. There is much more rebuilding that must now be done."

He declared that "politics, the science of government, is a part of God's plan for life in this world. Christians are obligated to participate in politics and be involved in the political process — in spite of all the recent political scandal."

Dr. Valentine maintained that "the moral tone of a city, a state, or a country is not set basically by government but by the people. If the citizens personally practice honesty, justice, respect for authority, obedience to the law, honor, integrity, truthfulness, mercy and love — then these qualities will inevitably find expression in public life."

## Missions Rally September 14, Camp Garaywa

"Plans are being made for a most stimulating, informative and challenging World Missions Rally September 14 at Camp Garaywa," announces Rev. E. L. Howell, director, Brotherhood Department, MBCB. Many furloughing missionaries will

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## Leaders Respond To Request That Americans Pray For Ford

NEW YORK (RNS) — U. S. religious leaders responded affirmatively to President Gerald Ford's request that Americans confirm him by prayers since he is not an elected Chief Executive.

"Please know of my prayers for you and your family and our country," Presiding Bishop John M. Allin of the Episcopal Church said to the new President in a telegram. Mr. Ford is an Episcopalian.

Cardinal Timothy Manning of Los

Angeles asked that prayers be offered in all parishes of his archdiocese as President Ford accepts his "awesome office."

"His eminence joined in as well with the sentiments expressed by the President that prayers also be offered for his predecessor," a spokesman for the cardinal said.

Prayers for Mr. Ford were said in Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox churches across the nation on Aug. 11.

"Let us go to the altar of the God

of our fathers and ask His protection of our stunned nation (in the wake of Mr. Nixon's resignation) and His blessings on our new President," said Catholic Bishop Edward A. McCarthy of Phoenix, Ariz.

In taking the oath of office on Aug. 9, President Ford asked for prayers for himself, the nation and for former President Nixon, who stepped down as a result of the Watergate scandal.

The Rev. Robert C. Lamar, Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, assured Mr. Ford of his "prayer."

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## Rain, Relief Lessen Niger Drought

MARADI, Niger (BP) — The countryside is now green like spring and the people are waiting to see if the drought is really over.

The scene is vastly different from the barren desert and thousands of starving refugees that once were here. The great crowds of famine-stricken people, huddled together in cornstalk huts, disappeared almost overnight when the rainy season began.

Reports of the much improved situation came from H. Cornell Goerner,

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Missions Conference At Ridgecrest

## Brotherhood Plans For Older Baptists

RIDGECREST, N. C. — In an effort to challenge retired Baptist laymen and women to missions involvement, the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission will sponsor a national Mission Conference for Older Baptists at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Sept. 26-29.

The conference will outline detailed ways in which retired persons, or persons nearing retirement, can become involved in missions both at home and abroad, said W. J. Isbell, director of the Brotherhood Commission's Baptist Men's Division and conference coordinator.

The conference is a follow-up to former SBC President Owen Cooper's challenge to enlist, equip, and train retired persons, and those who are nearing retirement, who have had a desire to become involved in missions, but have never had an opportunity previously, Isbell said.

The conference, however, will not be limited to retired persons or those nearing retirement. "There are a lot of other people who might see the challenge of personal involvement of missions, or might want to become aware of what they might do personally when they do retire," Isbell said.

Major speakers for the conference include former SBC President Owen Cooper, Brotherhood Commission Executive Director Glendon McCullough, Brotherhood Commission Lay Renewal Director David Haney, and Home Mission Board Christian Social Ministries Director Paul Adkins.

Reservations should be made by writing Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C., 28770. Total cost of the conference will be \$45 per person, including meals and accommodations.

## Churches Are Urged To Initiate Programs For The Divorced

By Religious News Service

RIDGECREST, N. C. (RNS) — A Southern Baptist leader from North Carolina has urged members of his denomination to take a more positive attitude toward divorced persons, and has called on churches to initiate programs designed to meet their special needs.

Charles V. Petty, executive director of the North Carolina Baptist Christian Life Council, told a Southern Bap-

tist Bible and Life Conference here that "people will listen and respond when church leaders talk openly and honestly about divorce."

He said his impression was "that about 90 per cent of all Southern Baptists are sympathetic toward divorced persons. However, the other 10 per cent do great harm to those who are sincerely trying to find God's will in their life."

Unfortunately, Mr. Petty reported, (Continued On Page 3)



## WMU Winners At Ridgecrest

Mississippi was well represented at the Woman's Missionary Union conference at Ridgecrest. Among representatives of the state were two winners in the Creative Arts Contest. The Woman's Missionary Union has sponsored celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Cooperative Program. Pictured (left to right) in photo at left, are Mrs. Robert Smira, Jackson, state WMU president; Sharon Phillips, Olive Branch, first place winner, two dimensional art division; Mrs. Jerry Stuart, Picayune, second place winner, hand crafts division; and Janice Morgan, Olive Branch.



## PEP Plan Introduced For Church Secretaries

RIDGECREST, N. C. — A new self-study plan for church secretaries, the Church Secretary's Personal Enrichment Program, or PEP plan, was introduced at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center recently during the Bible Preaching Conference.

Eight areas of work are covered in the PEP plan, including "The Church and Its Relationships," "The Church

Secretary and Her Work," "Personal Development and Human Relations," "Basic Church Finance," "Work Organization and Management," "Church Records," "Communication" and "Mechanical Skills."

The 'Church Secretary's Personal Enrichment Program Study Guide,' uses each of the above mentioned areas of study as a chapter title to guide the secretary through the PEP plan. Also, there is a "Study Guide Supplement," a kit of materials referred to in the study guide to assist in completion of the exercises.

Cost for both the guide and supplement is \$5.95. Both may be ordered from the Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37224.

Each secretary works at a self-determined pace on the PEP plan until she feels ready to take the test. Plans are under development for the tests to be given at strategic places accessible to secretaries.

Upon completing the PEP plan and passing the appropriate test, the secretary is rewarded for study achievement on either the Basic Level Certification or Advanced Level Certification. This certificate is sent to the secretary through her pastor or other church leader for appropriate public recognition.

Eleven seminars are scheduled around the country for 1974-75 by the Board's church administration department for church secretaries to be introduced to the PEP plan. Although the seminars are planned regionally, secretaries may attend any one that is convenient.

One seminar will be held in 1974 at Dallas - Fort Worth (Arlington), Nov. 4-8. Seminars scheduled for 1975 include Miami, Fla., Jan. 13-17; Atlanta, Feb. 3-7; Houston, Feb. 24 - 28; Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M., March 10-14; St. Louis, March 24-28; Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C., April 7-11; Memphis, April 21-25; Ridgecrest Conference Center, Aug. 15-22; and Williamsburg, Va., Sept. 1-5.

According to an estimate by Lucy Hoskins, consultant in the church administration department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, there are approximately 20,000 full-time secretaries working in Southern Baptist churches. About 5,000 are full time.

"The PEP plan is to make the secretary more knowledgeable about her job and better equipped to make decisions," Miss Hoskins said. "It should also give her a deeper spiritual relationship as a result of better stewardship of talents, time and personality," she continued.

## SBC Urged To Launch Task Force To Study Status Of Women

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — A special task force to study the status of women among Southern Baptists was called for here during a conference sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention on "Christian Liberation for Contemporary Women."

According to Sarah Francis Anders, one of the conference leaders, nearly every major denomination in the United States has had such a study. "It is now time for Southern Baptists to give serious study to the current and future status of women in the denomination," she said.

Miss Anders, who chairs the department of sociology at Louisiana College, a Baptist school in Pineville, La., told the conference that the church lagged behind most institutions in freeing women from discrimination.

Outlining what she explained to be a "concise situation report," Miss Anders said, "Sexism is widespread in most Christian churches, if not in policy, surely in custom and practice. While a decided majority in most congregations in denominations, women are a decided and often solid minority in most levels of leadership and decision making," she said.

"Seminaries are a masculine subculture, with predominantly male professors, language, text, trustees and administration. Until this changes, women who train for the most professional church positions will be marginal people and, to a great extent, unemployable," explained the professor, who holds a Ph.D. in sociology.

"Equal opportunity for employment," charged Miss Anders, "is not present in most ecclesiastical structures. Not only is the percentage of women personnel low compared to the secular labor force, women seldom rise above clerical, editing and associate administrative positions to the highest executive positions."

In another address, Miss Anders reported the woman's movement in the political arena has also been slow, but there are indications that the winds are shifting. "It is estimated during 1974 that 3,000 women will seek city, state or national office during the year, three times the number who ran two years ago." She continued, "106 will run for congress, almost 700 for state legislature, 12 for lieutenant governor and 10 for governor."

Even though this is encouraging it should be remembered that "women have been in low estate in federal civil service positions, with 77 percent of them in GS-1 to GS-6 ratings, which are the lowest ratings, with only 10 percent of women in the GS-14 and 15 positions," said Miss Anders.

## Rev. C. C. Martin Dies In Louisiana

Rev. Champ Clark Martin, 64, died early August 7 at the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Holden, La., where he had pastored for about two years, recently retiring after major heart surgery.

Rev. Martin was a native of Columbia, Miss., attended school there and was ordained to the ministry at First Church, after finishing studies at New Orleans Seminary. He attended Louisiana College while pastor in Alexandria. He had pastored churches also in Hammond, Monroe, and Winnfield before going to Holden.

A memorial service was held in the church at Holden at 10:30 on Thursday, Aug. 8, and the body was then carried to the church he pastored for fourteen years, Laurel Heights Baptist Church in Winnfield, where services were held 10:30 Friday morning, Aug. 9. Services at both churches were conducted by pastor friends from many areas of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Survivors include his wife, the former Lorena Coleman, a daughter, Mrs. B. E. Lashley, Jr., three grandchildren, Clark, Brad and Tammy Lashley, all of Winnfield; six sisters, Miss Villo R. Martin of Columbia, Mrs. W. K. Conerly of Foxworth; Mrs. E. C. Wren of Leland; Mrs. R. M. Crawley of Picayune; Mrs. J. A. Martin of Gulfport; and Mrs. K. M. Martin of Jackson.

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## Southern Baptist Hospital Plans Nine Seminars Designed For Enrichment Of Clergy Of All Faiths

A series of nine seminars, designed as an enrichment program for clergy of all faiths, will begin this fall under the sponsorship of the Pastoral Care and Consultation Center of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans.

Chaplain Robert E. Pearce, director of the Center said, "Seminars will be held one day each month, starting September 24th and ending May 20th. 'This is the first time our Pastoral Care and Consultation Center is sponsoring a continuing educational program for clergy, but we plan to make the seminars an annual event. We see the program as an ecumenical experience whereby clergy of different faiths will have the opportunity to meet and learn from each other.'

"Baptist Hospital's auditorium will serve as the meeting place and registration will be limited to approximately 200. We are initially opening the seminars to pastors, including chaplains, and their spouses with priority given to those who sign up for the entire series. Should there be space available, we will accept reservations for individual seminars and make the programs available to lay people."

Reservations and further information can be had by calling Chaplain Pearce at 899-9311, extension 230. Seminar sessions are scheduled as follows:

September 24, "Pre-marital and Marital Counseling and the New Sexual Freedom," led by Dr. Wayne Oates, professor of psychiatry and religion, University of Louisville Medical School; director of clinical pastoral education, Morton Children's Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky; and author of Pastoral Counseling.

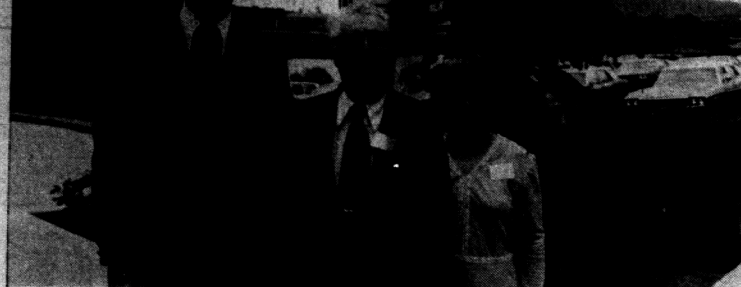
October 22, "What Makes An Effective And Constructive Preacher," led by Dr. Ernie Campbell, pastor of Riverside Church, New York City.

November 19, "Pastoral Psychotherapy," led by Rev. Charles Jaekle, member of the administrative staff of the Pastoral and Consultation Center, Greater Washington, D. C. and editor of "Pilgrimage, The Journal of Pastoral Psychotherapy."

December 10, "Relational Bible Study, Concept and Application," led by Dr. Karl Olsson, director of leadership training for Faith at Work, Incorporated, an interdenominational Christian agency.

January 14, "Our Emotional Transactions: How We Bargain, Vow and Pay," led by Dr. Myron C. Madden, director of the department of pastoral care, Southern Baptist Hospital, for the last fourteen years and supervisor of the Hospital's Pastoral Care and Consultation Center.

February 18, "The Place of Theology in Pastoral Counseling," led by Dr. Carroll A. Wise, professor emeritus of pastoral psychology and counseling at Garrett Theological Seminary, Chicago; and director emeritus of the Community Pastoral Counseling Center at Lutheran General Hospital, Parkridge, Illinois.



Jack Earwood, left, associate pastor of the deaf congregation at First Church, Dallas, Tex., presided over the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf at Glorieta. New officers elected were, from left to right, N. S. Draughn, Temple, Tex., president; Dean Pritchard, Jacksonville, Fla., first vice-president; and Gary Shoemaker, Mobile, Ala., second vice-president. (HMB photo by Toby Druin)

## Conference Urges Upgrading Of Communications With Deaf

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf passed a resolution here urging Southern Baptist churches to use every communications method in ministering to deaf persons.

Some 250 messengers to the deaf conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here passed other resolutions asking the SBC to provide captioned religious films for the deaf and urging investigation of the possibility of forming a junior deaf

organization to develop future leaders.

Conferees asked that a committee be named to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in coordinating a program to encourage deaf men who feel the call of God to enter the ministry and to encourage churches to call them as ministers.

The conference also voted to send \$500 to Japan through the SBC Foreign Mission Board for support of deaf

## Bible Study Retreat For Deaf To Be At Tombigbee State Park

Tombigbee State Park will be the setting for a Bible study retreat for the deaf, sponsored by Calvary Church, Tupelo, August 31-September 1.

Rev. Clifford Bruffey, missionary to the deaf in Washington, D. C. will be in charge of the worship services and Bible study. Mr. Bruffey served as a student - missionary to the deaf in Mississippi while attending New Orleans Seminary several years ago, and he is married to the former Ruth Ann Melton of Houston, Ms.

Other program personalities will include Jerry St. John, Cooperative Missions Department, MBCB, state missionary to the deaf, and Bill Davis, minister of education, Calvary, Tupelo.

Registration will begin on Saturday morning at 10 and the retreat will last until 2:45 on Sunday afternoon. The

registration fee for one person will be \$3 (but no more than \$5 for a family.) Participants should bring their Bibles, a pillow, sheets, cover, towel, and a wash cloth.

Activities will include Bible study, recreation, conferences, fellowship, worship, and four meals (two Saturday and two Sunday).

Mrs. Sam Allen is director of deaf ministries of the Calvary Church; Dr. Bob Ramsay is pastor.

## Gift For Law School

**Samford Gets \$1 Million**  
BIRMINGHAM (BP)—Samford University has received a \$1 million challenge gift with which to begin a \$3 million fund-raising effort in behalf of its Cumberland School of Law.

## Rain Brings Relief In Niger

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area secretary for West Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, who has just returned from a six-week tour of the area, and from Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams, Southern Baptist missionary on the field.

Most significant is that so many of the people are alive. In March an estimated 100 died daily in this area alone. People from all over the world responded to the desperate need for food and medical attention.

Southern Baptists' initial response was additional missionary personnel, appropriations by the Foreign Mission Board for food and medicine and thousands of dollars sent via the board for Niger relief.

Dr. Walter M. Moore, physician and missionary to Ghana, and Rachel Bandy, missionary journeyman and registered nurse, were temporarily transferred to Niger to help meet the medical needs. They joined missionaries Mr. and Mrs. H. Jerold Palmer Jr. and the Williamses, who arrived in the fall of 1973.

Miss Bandy remains in Niger to meet the continued needs and Dr.

Moore has returned to his usual station. Measles and cholera did not reach the epidemic proportions feared because of the medical aid given.

A total of \$120,524.77 has been given by Southern Baptists or appropriated by the Foreign Mission Board for relief in West Africa. Of this amount, individual or church gifts comprised \$82,555.72. The remainder, \$37,969.05, was appropriated by the board from current funds.

The people who had cultivated land have returned home to plant the seed given them by the government. For those with livestock, it is not so easy. The drought has taken their herds, too. There are no animals and thus no need to return home. Some of these people have gone to other countries to hunt work or dispersed into the cities to beg or look for jobs.

For now, thanks to the rains and the many people who contributed, the famine is over and the epidemics have been averted. Although the people of Niger can breathe a sigh of relief and enjoy the spring, they are aware that without rain the same type of famine will happen again, maybe by December.

ministries in that nation.

Outgoing president Jack Earwood, associate pastor of deaf congregation at First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., said the resolution on total communication would be presented for approval by the Southern Baptist Convention next June in Miami Beach.

"It simply encourages churches with deaf ministries to use every means possible — speech, audio visual aids or any applicable communications medium — to help share the message to deaf persons," Ear-

wood said. He explained that many churches use sign language only in deaf ministries and that sign language alone is often inadequate in expressing spiritual truths.

The deaf conference meets annually, rotating the sites of sessions between Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Centers, and a city somewhere in the United States. Next year's meeting will be at Ridgecrest, August 16 - 20. The 1976 conference will be July 31-Aug. 6 in Richmond, Va.

## Woman Named Tennessee State Paper Acting Editor

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP)—Mrs. Eura Lannom, assistant to the editor of the Baptist and Reflector, has been named acting editor of the Baptist weekly state paper, according to Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Lannom is the only woman in the 33 state conventions cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention now holding such a position.

A native of Holland, Ky., she has been employed in the Baptist and Reflector office for 31 years and has served as assistant to the editor since 1971. The paper has been without an editor since the resignation of James Lester in April, 1974.

## Paul Jakes Dies

Funeral services for Rev. Paul R. Jakes, 61, of 106 Carolton Drive, Jackson, were held Tuesday morning.

Aug. 27, from the chapel of Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home, Jackson.

Mr. Jakes died Aug. 25 at St. Dominic's Hospital.

Survivors: his wife, the former, Maxine Conner of Waco, Texas; two sons, Russell, Phoenix, Arizona, and David of Leakeville; two sisters, one brother.

Mr. Jakes was serving as pastor of Poplar Springs Church in Copiah County, and as administrator of the Mississippi Baptist High School on Boling Street.

He was a native of Kentucky, and had been a resident of Jackson for the past 10 years. He was with the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department for 12 years, and at one time was vice-president for public relations, Grand Canyon College, Grand Canyon, Colorado. He also served churches in Mississippi, Texas, and Arizona.

He was a graduate of Baylor University, received his Master's degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, received his Master's degree of School Administration from Arizona State University.

## The Convention President Speaks

I have seen our mission dollars at work. I spent August 12 through August 17 in Merida, Mexico with our senior high choir. This was not my first time to visit an overseas mission point, but it was surely an impressive one. I am not talking about the work of our choir — which was tremendous in its own rights — but I am talking about mission money that is given through the cooperative program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Tuesday night, August 13, our choir sang in a church built with Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings. That church had not had a pastor for two years, but there was a warm, enthusiastic fellowship. The chairman of deacons has been carrying on. He gave the invitation. There were souls saved.

Bro. Bill Gray, a missionary to Mexico and an employee of the Foreign Mission Board, was our host. This man came from Mexico City over to Merida and stayed the whole week. There is no missionary in Merida nor the State of Yucatan. There is a real need for one. Bro. Bill is a tremendous witness for our Lord. It is an honor to have a man like this representing the mission board. It is evident that a salary for a man like this is money well spent.

Let me encourage you, as individ-

## Mission Strategy Group Is Named; Robinson, Chairman

NASHVILLE (BP)—A special 21-person committee requested by the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas in June to study overall mission strategy of the 12.3-million-member denomination has been named by the SBC's two mission boards and the immediate past president and vice presidents.

Immediate past president, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., and two vice presidents, James Harris and Cliff Brannon, both of Texas, named seven members. Cooper was included on the study committee at the request of the convention. The SBC's Home and Foreign Mission Boards also named seven each.

The committee, which will be chaired by R. J. Robinson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., will present its findings on the denomination's mission strategy for the remainder of this century to the SBC Executive Committee in February, 1976, and then present to the convention "such recommendations as it deems advisable" by June, 1976. The committee's first meeting is set in Nashville, Sept. 18-19.

The SBC officers named Robinson; Mrs. Helen Fling, New York, vice chairperson; Mrs. James Landes, Texas; Maxey Jarman, Tennessee; J. D. Grey, Louisiana; Warren Hultgren, Oklahoma; and Cooper.

The Foreign Mission Board named W. O. Vaught, Arkansas; J. R. White, Alabama; Glen Braswell, Colorado; Travis S. Berry, Texas; E. H. Westmoreland, Texas; M. Hunter Riggins Jr., Virginia; and Mrs. E. S. Stratton, Virginia.

The Home Mission Board named Russell H. Dilday Jr., Georgia; Carl E. Bates, North Carolina; Mrs. I. W. Bowen III, Georgia; M. Dale Allen, Missouri; Gene Garrison, Oklahoma; Grayson Glass, Texas; and Lewis I. Myers, Mississippi.

## SBC Continues To Lead ABS Gifts

NEW YORK (BP) — For the 10th consecutive year, the Southern Baptist Convention, according to 1973 statistics, has made the largest contribution to the American Bible Society of any of the 70 denominations, churches and agencies which regularly contribute to the ABS.

ABS statistics, released here, show Southern Baptists gave \$133,529 of the \$1,308,125 contributed. That amounts to 12 per cent of the ABS's \$11,400,000 budget.

Gifts, to give more for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and each church to increase its offering through the Cooperative Program. — David Grant.



Rev. Robert E. Pearce, left, Director, Southern Baptist Hospital Pastoral Care and Consultation Center, and (right) Dr. Myron C. Madden, Director, Department of Pastoral Care, Southern Baptist Hospital. The Center will sponsor a series of nine seminars for clergy of all faiths, beginning September 24th.

## Rev. Mrs. Tarpley Lose Granddaughter

Louisa Tarpley, the nine-month old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Tarpley, Jr., of Atlanta, died Saturday, Aug. 24 as a result of accidentally falling out of her bed.

Dr. Tarpley is the son of Rev. Fred Tarpley of Jackson, superintendent of missions of the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, and Mrs. Tarpley, who went to Atlanta for the funeral which was held Monday from Patterson-Spring Hill Funeral Home.

Dr. and Mrs. Tarpley are also the parents of a daughter, Laurel, age 4.



# Many Southern Baptist Churches Attempt To Keep Church Staff Salaries Rising

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endar year on January 1. This means that total compensation for many ministers may also have increased since October, 1973.

The largest increases in compensation, in percentages, occurred among churches of 500-749 members included in the Sunday School Board survey.

The average total compensation for pastors of churches with 500 to 749 members, as of the 1973 survey, was \$14,089. For churches with 750 to 999 members, the amount was \$15,503. It jumped to \$16,835 for churches ranging between 1,000 and 1,499 members, according to the Sunday School Board survey.

For churches in the 1,500 to 1,999 membership category, average total compensation for pastors stood at \$19,709. In the 2,000 to 2,999 member bracket, it amounted to \$22,316. The average

for churches of 3,000 or more came to \$25,218.

Ministers of education and ministers of music received increases which generally exceeded the percentage rise in the consumer price index, but not as uniform as increases for the considerably larger number of pastors surveyed. Many churches under 1,000 members, for example, don't employ ministers of education and music, an Annuity Board spokesman said.

The average total compensation for ministers of education in churches with 500 to 749 members, as of the 1973 survey, was \$12,580. It was \$9,903, on the average, for membership of 750-999; \$12,136 for membership of 1,000 to 1,499; \$13,225 for membership of 1,500 to 1,999; \$15,054 for membership of 2,000 to 2,999, and \$15,822 for membership of 3,000 or more.

For churches with 500 to 749 members, ministers of music averaged \$13,466 in annual income.

In other membership categories, it was \$8,311 for 750 to 999 members; \$11,112 for 1,000 to 1,499; \$14,125 for 1,500 to 1,999 members; \$14,693 for 2,000 to 2,999 members; and \$15,366 for 3,000 members or more.

The survey revealed that ministers of education and ministers of music receive considerably higher average compensation from churches with 500 to 749 membership than from larger congregations of 750 to 999 membership. Again, the Annuity Board spokesman explained, it would be unwise to make major assumptions with that statistic because of the comparatively smaller number of ministers of education and music surveyed.

Consumer price index figures, issued by the government Bureau of Labor Statistics, show family budgets ranging from \$7,233 to \$8,939 a year in the "low budget" category, not including Alaska and Hawaii, where they were noticeably higher.

For the intermediate or moderate level budget, families lived on between \$10,950 and \$14,448 a year. In the highest budget range, the figures went from \$15,743 to \$21,999 a year.

The lowest budgets in each category came generally from the Southwest and the highest from the Northeast section of the United States, again excluding Hawaii and Alaska, said The Years Ahead.

Rising food prices hit hardest those living on low and moderate budgets, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. The federal agency carefully defines its family on which the budget is based—four members including a father, 38, working full-time; a wife and mother not employed outside the home, and a son, 13, and daughter, 8.

The hypothetical couple has been married 15 years and the family is settled in the community where it lives.

## Churches Are Urged To Initiate Programs For The Divorced

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"a snide remark in a Sunday school class or a negative word from the pulpit is often all the divorced person needs," he said. He said a survey he took disclosed "the distressing facts that 70 per cent of Baptist people who are divorced said that no one came from the church to visit them after their divorce."

As ways in which to minister to the divorced person, the North Carolina Baptist leader suggested that pastors should preach on the subject, churches should sponsor conferences for singles, Christians should visit people who are divorced, and both churches and individual Christians should press for more institutional support.

"We must involve the divorced person in the life of the church," Mr. Petty declared. "We must actively recruit qualified divorced persons for places of leadership within the church. The church is a couples-oriented organization, so we must take special efforts to make provisions for the divorced."

He pointed out that a divorced person "becomes fair game for all sorts of abuse, exploitation, ridicule, gossip and avoidance. One of their most pressing needs is a community that cares about them. What communities should be better equipped to do than the churches?"

Dr. Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Christian Life Commission, said that "the divorce rate has been climbing steadily so that now the United States has the highest divorce rate of any nation on earth, and in most urban areas there are as many divorce suits filed as there are marriage licenses issued each year."

He affirmed that "Christians are responsible for a ministry of reconciliation to divorced person, and churches must do far more practical ministries for the divorced than we have thus far undertaken. We are responsible, too, for providing clear Bible teaching, strong Bible preaching, and consistent Christian discipline so as to preserve Christian marriage and develop Christian homes."

## Evening Classes At BMC To Begin September 9, 10

Blue Mountain College Evening Classes for the Fall Semester of the 102nd annual session are scheduled to begin on September 9 and 10, 1974, and will continue until December 16 and 17. The Evening Classes will be held on the campus in Blue Mountain on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Registration for all Evening Classes will take place at 6:30 p.m. September 3, in Paschal Student Center. Credit, reserve credit, or non-credit programs are offered. Students enrolled in Evening Classes may direct their work in one of four programs of study: Teachers who need to renew Class A Certificates; those interested in working toward a bachelor's degree; individuals who are interested in continuing their adult education; and those who in the future wish to be admitted to Blue Mountain College as regular students, but who at the present time do not qualify for admission. These individuals may earn "reserve" credit in evening classes.

Courses to be offered on Monday evenings are as follows — Bible 100, Old Testament, Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyl-

er; Business 106, Elementary Typewriting, and Business 107, Advanced Typewriting, Mrs. E. Harold Fisher; Education 410, Teaching the Educable Mentally Retarded, Mrs. Brooks Collins Marr; Music 100, Fundamentals of Music, Edward Ludlow; Private Instruction in Organ, Piano, and Voice, Edward Ludlow, Robert Formosa, and Mrs. W. L. Robertson; Physical Education 260, Misses Johnnie Armstrong and Mari Hubbard; Psychology 360, Introduction to Counseling, Dr. Louis Scholle.

Courses to be offered on Tuesday evenings are as follows — Art 318, Basic Jewelry Making, Charles Clark; Bible 200, New Testament, Dr. James L. Travis; Business 210, Elementary Accounting Principles, Mrs. Edd A. Conner; Education 352, Basic Reading Skills, Dr. Elaine Eudy; Survey of English Literature, Dr. Betty Hearn; and Social Science 110, Western Civilization, Dr. Norman Mason.

For further information about tuition, other fees, and semester-hour credit, contact Dean William N. Washburn, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi 38610. Telephone number 685-5711.

## MC Seminary Extension To Offer Six Courses

Six courses will be offered through the Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center this fall according to an announcement this week by Dr. Eugene I. Farr, director.

Classes are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights with a faculty of learned men who all hold an earned doctorate degree from a Southern Baptist Seminary.

Courses at the Center will open on September 16 and continue through November 14. Classes will meet each night from 7 to 9 p.m.

According to Dr. Farr, the Monday night class will be entitled "The Pastor as a Counselor" and will be a study of the ministry of the pastor in counseling persons experiencing personal crises. The class is basically for ministers and will be taught by Dr. Farr.

Four courses will be taught on Tuesday night geared for pastors, laymen, Sunday School teachers and others interested in increasing or supplementing their Biblical knowledge.

Stroke, the nation's third leading cause of death, seems to strike out of nowhere. But there are warning signs. Ask your Heart Association about them.

Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.

Dr. Howard E. Spell will be teaching Biblical Backgrounds, a study of historical geography and archaeology of Bible lands and people.

A study of the book of Acts will be taught by Dr. E. R. Pinson. Dr. Norman E. O'Neal will instruct Dynamics of Teaching, a study of principles and methods of teaching youth and adults, while Dr. Farr will teach Introduction to the Old Testament, a survey of the first ten books of the Old Testament.

Offered on Thursday night will be Contemporary World Missions, a survey of contemporary Southern Baptist missions. Dr. Farr will be the teacher.

The classes, offered by the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department, are open to anyone over 16 years of age. Those taking classes on Tuesday and/or Thursday may receive one semester hour of college credit if they so apply.

The costs run from \$12 to \$19.50, depending on the course selected, with the amount covering registration fees, required textbooks and tuition.

Registration is now underway and those desiring to enroll should contact Dr. Farr at 924-6527 or write Mississippi College Seminary Extension, 203 W. Lakeview Dr., Clinton, MS., 39056. An individual can also register at the first class period.

## Leader's Respond - - -

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ers and support." The Albany, N. Y. pastor said he felt that members of his denomination would respond to the new President in "the earnest hope that as a nation we may experience the moral and spiritual renewal demanded by this moment in history."

In Louisville, the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance, whose president is Dr. V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, voted to extend to Mr. Ford the "prayerful concern and best wishes of this international Baptist fellowship."

"We trust that under his leadership the cause of international peace, justice and goodwill will be sustained and strengthened for the best good of all the people of the world."

Spencer Kimball, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), urged members of his denomination and all citizens to "fully support" Mr. Ford.

"May all of us rally together in strengthening this great nation through individual integrity, concern for others and involvement as citizens in the democratic processes," Mr. Kimball stated.

Officials of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council offered the new President encouragement and cooperation in "efforts directed toward the establishment of true peace in the world, with generosity, security and justice for all nations whether mighty or small; toward domestic prosperity, full employment, equality, and unhindered exercise of constitutional rights."

## Hits Proposal - - -

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tution that prohibits 'an establishment of religion.'"

The Baptist Joint Committee executive pointed out that "already the Supreme Court has ruled that tax credit to parents for tuition paid for their children in church schools is a violation of Constitutional separation of church and state. It is difficult to see how this proposed financial bonanza for the churches can meet the constitutional test, when the lesser benefit to church schools has already failed the test."

## Missions Rally

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be in attendance. To name just a few, there will be: Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Bethea, Kenya; Mrs. John Jacobs, Guyana; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tope, Kenya; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Myers, Vietnam; Mrs. Harry Raley, Taiwan; and Miss Shirley Jackson, Brazil.

"We would like to urge all of our church Brotherhood program leadership to encourage the men and boys of their churches to make a special effort to attend the rally," continues Mr. Howell.

The program will be designed to meet the needs and appeal to the interest of the entire family.

Below is a blank which each participating church should fill in and return to the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205:

Church Association  
No. People Attending  
No. People for Lunch  
Check Enclosed  
(\$2.50 per person, which includes lunch and insurance.)

## Baptistry On Wheels - - -

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a local firm.

Originally the baptistry was built to solve a specific problem. The church had met in rented facilities and wasn't able to make alterations to the existing structure. So they improvised. The baptistry was rolled out when needed and after the service rolled to a corner for storage and covered with plywood to make it double as a work or display table.

When the church moved to its new building in May 1973, the baptistry went with it. In order to utilize the available space the baptistry continues to roll. Now it is rolled into the center of the worship area and curtains are used to set the mood.

## Youths' Alcohol Abuse Is Called 'Alarming'

NEW YORK (RNS) — Authorities in the field of mental health and alcoholism are expressing deep alarm about a growing problem of alcohol abuse among teenagers and in some cases even among pre-teenagers. "Every indicator and every statistic we have tells us that the switch is on — from a wide range of other drugs to the most devastating of all: alcohol," says Dr. Morris E. Chafetz, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Speaking at a press conference to discuss the Institute's "Second Special Report to the U. S. Congress on Alcohol and Health," he commented that parents are often relieved at the switch to alcohol and fail to understand it can be "every bit as dangerous as the other drugs."

At the same press conference, Dr. June Jackson Christmas, New York City Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, reported that treatment of alcohol

abuse, especially among young people was one of her department's top priorities.

"The problem of alcohol abuse, alcoholism and the combined use of alcohol and other drugs among pre-teenagers and teenagers has grown to alarming proportions in New York City as it has throughout the country," she declared.

Nothing is often a clever thing to say.

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It's easier to do it than explain why you didn't.

Following the lines of least resistance makes rivers crooked.

## PASTOR - MISSIONARY RETREATS

All pastors and missionaries are invited to attend the camp most convenient. The program will include two days of Bible study, Bible centered messages, and relaxed fellowship.

Bible Study leaders are: Dr. James L. Travis, Wall Doxey State Park; Dr. William Stevens, Leroy Percy Park; Rev. Paul Brown, Roosevelt State Park; and Dr. Don H. Stewart, Paul Johnson State Park.

Dr. Earl Kelly will bring two messages at Leroy Percy Park. Dr. Bob Hamblin will bring two messages at Wall Doxey State Park. Dr. Perry Claxton will bring two messages at two parks — Roosevelt and Paul Johnson Park.

Each program begins at 9:30 and continues until 3:30 the second day. Total cost for the TWO DAYS is \$5.00. Be sure to bring a pillow and linens.

For Reservation Write:

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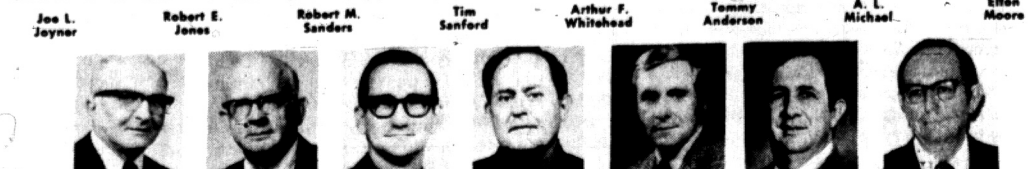
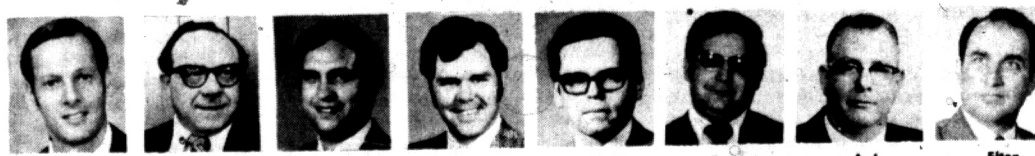
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## EDITORIAL

### Thinking About An Urgent Matter

On page one of this issue of the Record is found a feature article concerning salary trends in Southern Baptist churches. This is a most important study and we hope that it will have a wide reading, especially among church leaders.

It is of utmost importance that churches, and especially church budget committees, take a careful look at the salary schedules as they prepare the church budgets for the coming year.

All of us are very conscious of the inflation problem, but sometimes our committees become so involved in seeking solution to other financial problems, that they may forget the pressing needs of those who serve and lead them.

One has only to visit the stores, or look at his monthly bills, to see what

inflation has done to the economy, and to his own personal way of life. A report last week indicated that the cost of living had risen almost 10% during the past year. That means that if a person is working on the same salary now that he was receiving a year ago, he has taken a 10% cut in his buying power. In other words he can buy 10% less with his dollar today than he could a year ago.

It is easy to recognize this when the family goes to buy groceries, fills the car with gasoline, purchases clothing, or receives the monthly utility bills. Gasoline which was less than 40c per gallon less than a year ago, is now nearer 60c. A ten dollar bill will buy a very small sack of groceries today.

We recognize that all people are feeling the effect of this inflated economy, and that not all of the working people

in our churches, or business and professional people, have yet had adjustments to compensate for the rising spiral of living costs. Elderly people living on fixed incomes are especially hard hit. Government leaders are seeking a solution to the problem.

Churches cannot do anything about most of these situations, but they can do something about those who minister to them as pastors or other staff workers. It is the usual practice that these workers cannot ask for raises or salary adjustments. If it is done it must be initiated by the church or its committees. That is why it is imperative that deacons, budget committees, and other church leaders, give careful consideration now to providing fair and adequate raises for the church staff this year. Only as they lead out positively in it will it be done.

## Guest Editorial

### Should Churches Provide Pastoriums?

C. R. Daley

in The Western Recorder (Ky.)

A nice and comfortable pastorium has generally been considered an asset to a church. It has been considered a valuable part of a package plan to offer a prospective pastor or staff member. Added to its worth to the church is its appreciation in value and the fact that it has been tax exempt property.

In recent years there has been a change in thinking about the wisdom of a church-owned pastorium. To some pastors who have lived year after year in church-owned houses only to awake to the realization they are near retirement and without a place to live, pastorium has become a dirty word! They look at church members and sometimes at fellow pastors who year by year have made house payments and will have their houses paid for before or by the time of retirement. They feel short changed and rightly so.

Churches and pastors or prospective pastors should sit down and carefully consider whether it is wise or unwise to provide a pastorium. In some instances where the salary is limited or the pastor does not want to buy a house, a pastorium is a great help. In most instances, however, it would be wiser and fairer to give the pastor a

housing allowance and let him provide his own housing.

This is about the only way a preacher will ever own a home unless he is given one. Few churches pay a pastor enough to take care of a family, live up to other community expectations and then have enough to put aside to buy a house when he retires. Consequently he often comes to the end of his ministry without a place to live.

In a few instances pastors upon retirement are given the home they have lived in. This is rather rare and tends to make the preacher feel obligated. How much better it would have been to have added a housing allowance to his salary and let him buy his own house. In instances where the pastor could not come up with a downpayment, the church should lend him the downpayment, charge a reasonable rate of interest and take a second mortgage on the property.

In recent years especially, the pastor who has lived in church property has come up short in comparison to other pastors who have bought houses. The cost of houses has increased greatly and today most houses are worth far more than when they were purchased. The result is the church has been in the real estate business and considering not paying property taxes for a

number of years, the church might have doubled its investment in a house and lot.

In the meantime, assuming the pastor has put \$100 aside per month to buy a home upon retirement, his savings will buy only about a half of what it would have when he started saving.

Letting the pastor own his own home also avoids the questionable tax exemption. The pastor's property goes on the tax rolls just like that of every other citizen and he pays, just as other citizens do, for garbage collection, fire and police protection and other services from the town or county.

Let's be fair and thoughtful. A pastor and his family should be buying a home like other families. But nine out of 10 will not do so as long as the church furnishes a pastorium. He will spend all his income for other needs only to wake up some day without a place to live. Then it will be difficult for him not to feel or express bitterness and a church not to feel guilty of turning out their pastor to pasture without a shelter.

(Editor's Note: This editorial is not published to raise problems for churches which have adequate pastors' homes already built, but to help churches considering new ones to see the present thinking on the matter).



## Prelude To Worship

### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Meadowview Will Welcome Baptists Coming To MSU

Attention Pastors, Parents and Students:

Many of your finest young people will be attending Mississippi State University this fall.

Meadowview Baptist Church in Starkville invites the Baptist students from over the state to attend this church as you come to the university.

We are planning a delicious complimentary luncheon for all the University students attending our church on Sunday morning, September 15. We want to honor the University Baptist students on this date with a fellowship luncheon.

We urge all Mississippi Baptist young people coming to Mississippi State University to "think big" about your spiritual life and attend the Meadowview Baptist Church.

Our church is a fellowship of excitement where everybody is somebody and each person is important to us.

Yours for a great fellowship,  
Wilburn Matthews, pastor  
Meadowview Baptist Church  
Linden Circle  
Starkville, Mississippi 39759

### On The MORAL SCENE...

**FAMILY PROBLEMS AND DRUG ABUSE** — (Washington, D. C.) Family problems as a cause of drug abuse among suburban, upper-middle class, mostly Caucasian young people is suggested in a study conducted by Georgetown University here. The study, measuring the effectiveness of a drug abuse treatment program in Fairfax County, Va., found that 70% of the graduates of the program and 61% of the dropouts identified a family crisis as having occurred within two years prior to their initial recourse to hard drugs. . . . Dr. Lillian R. Winer, a clinical instructor in psychiatry, concluded, "We must learn more about the kinds of family patterns in which a crisis leads to drug problems. . . . Drug problems and family problems are closely linked." Religious News Service

**VICTIM OR CRIMINAL?** — "Women who have been raped are, in the eyes of both those who interpret and enforce justice, often made to feel like the criminal, not the victim," according to "Dr. Cynthia W. Cooke, gynecologist and chief of adolescent clinics at Philadelphia General Hospital." Speaking on the basis of having supervised the examination of rape victims for five years, Dr. Cooke said, "Police brutalization of the victim is responsible for the failure of women to report the crime of rape." She recently told a gathering of policemen, "You, with your inept questioning, rape the women psychologically, and, with your lack of understanding, are responsible for many instances of severe emotional damage and psychological trauma." One chief of police responded: "It is essential that empathy be established with both the victim and the rapist. This can only be accomplished by expert instruction and by our own consideration of the factors involved." Human Behavior, June, 1974

**NONECONOMIC DETERMINISM** — "The size of his or her paycheck plays a relatively minor role in the office workers' attitude toward a job. So says Matthew Goodfellow of the University Research Center, who studied employee relations in 329 companies for the National Labor Relations Board. He found that white-collar employees care much less about the amount of their pay than about whether the salary levels seem fair in relation to job responsibilities, length of service and merit. Rather unexpectedly, the researchers also found that employees much prefer a substantial benefits plan, to which they contribute out of



A Woman's World Reaches Far

#### Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Ever read a column about a clothespin? I'm about to write one.

It's a very plain clothespin, and it doesn't even get to travel back and forth to the clothesline to steady a different piece of wash each trip exchanging its fragrant, rinsed dampness for sweet-smelling dryness. But the clothespin has adapted quite readily to its unorthodox mission in life.

It's become a symbol to me, this displaced clothespin. A symbol of kindness, gentleness, helpfulness, sweetness, pleasantness all wrapped up into one. What would such a word be? I'm not sure anybody has coined the right one yet. But I do know where you can find all these nice traits, and many more equally as nice traits all wrapped into one person. My symbolic clothespin belongs to her.

Katie's clothespin has been one of the most helpful items in my life in the last two years. It has saved me many trips downtown and many postage stamps. It has also helped me meet many "Ironing Board" deadlines. Equally as important as all these, it has given me a close look at a lovely, unassuming Christian, the kind who helps salt the earth and heaven the bread.

It's like this. Katie's clothespin is nailed to the back door at her house. It holds a pad of paper for messages. It holds, also, many times, the copy for this column, which I write, re-write, type, and take to clip to the clothespin, and Katie will carry it when she goes to work at the Baptist Building.

That clothespin gives further credence to the old saying that behind every good man there is a good woman. I understand better all the time why Broadmoor's child care building is called the D. W. Ainsworth Memorial Building.

And now you have read a column about a clothespin—Katie Ainsworth's clothespin.

their own salaries, instead of a meager plan wholly funded by employers. Employees place high priority on a well-run office and a certain amount of consistency in their work. And what they like most, according to Goodfellow, is a boss who listens." — Intellectual Digest, June, 1974

**TAXES HURT AGED, POOR** — "A private research report said. . . increasingly higher taxes are wiping out recent advances in Federal spending for Social Security, Medicare, food stamps, and other programs aimed at helping aged and low-income Americans. The analysis was part of an annual review of government fiscal policy published yesterday by the Brookings Institution. . . . Government money for 'essentials' such as medical care, food, housing and education programs has swollen to \$33 billion, or 11% of the total budget. . . . a higher percentage than in earlier spending programs. But these gains are partly offset by a tax structure that the Brookings study said is increasingly regressive—meaning that low-income people are carrying a heavier share of the tax burden relative to their incomes." — The Indianapolis Star, June 1, 1974.

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## NEWEST BOOKS

### Fallis Succeeds Allen As Writer Of Commentary

**POINTS FOR EMPHASIS, 1974-75** by William J. Fallis (Broadman, paper, 213 pp.) This 58th annual volume of a pocket commentary on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, Uniform Series, changes authors. The book was first published in 1917 with Dr. Hight C. Moore as its writer. From 1953 through the 1973-74 volume, it was prepared by Dr. Clifton J. Allen. For a good many years these Sunday School lesson comments by Dr. Allen have been published in the Baptist Record. Dr. Allen remained as editor of the very popular little book well past his own retirement as editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board. He then suggested that Broadman Press ask William J. Fallis (one of the Broadman editors) to be the new editor of the commentary. These lessons will begin in the Baptist Record this week.

**TARBELL'S TEACHER'S GUIDE** edited by Frank S. Mead (Sept.-Aug., 1974-75) (Fleming H. Revell, \$4.50, 416 pp.) For seventy seasons this guide has been enthusiastically received by religious educators from all denominations. This volume includes expositions from outstanding preachers and writers; practical teaching suggestions for all age groups; lesson outlines; full discussion of lesson background; and Scripture-based comments. Every week's lesson contains the text from KJV, RSV, and now also the Living Bible.

**BROADMAN COMMENTS 1974-75**, by Donald F. Ackland and other authors (Broadman, paper, International SS Lessons, 410 pp., \$3.25) Intended as a supplement to class member and teacher quarterlies based on the same outlines, this Sunday-by-Sunday study remains the heart of Bible study within the local church. To increase the value for teachers, it carries two new features. One is "A Teaching Outline" to summarize lesson points and show where to use illustrative material. The other new feature appears at the beginning of each quarter; it is a list of other Broadman items — books and audio-visuals — to enrich the teacher's understanding or to add color and clarity to the class session. Dr. Ackland, now retired, was former editor with the Baptist Sunday School Board. This is his fifth year with Broadman Comments. Other authors are Ross L. West, Vernon Elmore, T. V. Owens, and Robert A. Watts.

**ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSON ANNUAL, 1974-75** (Convention Press, paper, 410 pp.) Sunday School teachers of adults can rely on this book as a supplementary guide in using the Life and Work Sunday School studies. It provides teaching suggestions and other helpful materials for aiding the teacher in depth of interpretation. Suitable applications and illustrations help to show the significance of these Bible truths for contemporary living. Forty-five writers contributed to this work.

**STUDYING ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSONS, October - December 1974** by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention, 130 pp., \$1.50) A one-quarter section of the author's lesson annual on the Life and Work Lessons used in many Southern Baptist Sunday schools. Each message presents a clear outline of the lesson, exposition of the text, and helpful illustrations.

**DEALING WITH DEATH — A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE** by D. P. Brooks (Broadman, 126 pp., \$1.50) The author is an editor at the Sunday School Board in Nashville. He has been a pastor and denominational worker. In nine chapters in this book, he deals with the practical problems of death and the ultimate questions concerning death. The preparation which people should make for that which is inevitable, the experience when death comes to a home, relating to a dying person, and coping with grief, all are carefully presented. This is followed by a study of the Bible teachings concerning death and eternity. A very helpful little book which should have a wide reading.

**BOB HARRINGTON: GOD'S HAPPY HERO** by C. A. Roberts (Thomas Nelson, Inc., 188 pp., \$5.95) A year in the life of Bob Harrington, who is widely known as the Chaplain of Bourbon Street. The book actually covers the period from September, 1972 to December, 1973. It reveals the experiences of Bob in his own spiritual development, the expansion of his ministry to a nationwide television witness, his methods of promotion, steps of faith, perplexing problems, and God given victories. As one reads this book, he comes to a new understanding of this unusual Christian witness and the reason God is using him.

**NEW HOPE FOR PLANET EARTH** by John Haggai (Thomas Nelson, Inc., 160 pp., \$5.95) John Haggai was a former Baptist pastor, who now is director of an organization called Evangelism International. Through this organization a Christian missionary witness reaches around the earth. Basic to its program is a center for training of national leaders which had been set up in Singapore. Here workers from numerous countries come together for training and then go back to be witnesses for Christ in their own lands. The idea is that instead of sending missionaries from the West, this organization seeks to train nationals from the fields to go back as the missionaries to their people.

**SNAKE HANDLERS. . . GOD FEARS? OR FANATICS?** by Robert W. Pelton & Karen W. Carden (Thomas Nelson, Inc., paper, 159 pp., \$2.95) The subtitle is "A Religious Documentary," and that is what the book is, for it is a report on the snake handling cults in the Appalachian Mountains and elsewhere in our nation. Here is the story of how these people believe that the handling of snakes and the drinking of poisons are actual signs given in the Bible and that when the spirit is upon them or the Lord commands them, they can do these things without danger. For example, some of these leaders say "While under the anointing, a serpent won't ever bite you and hurt you." When they are sometimes bitten, they explain that God had removed the "hedge." Most readers will look at these pages with amazement and wonder, but he will learn why these people do what they are doing. This is not a defense of the practice or an appeal for it to be followed, but simply a report on what these people believe and do.

**THE UNCONQUERABLE SURVIVOR OF 2055 A. D.** A novel by Victor S. Lyons (Exposition, 201 pp., \$7.00) What will happen when a nuclear holocaust destroys life on the earth, except one lone mortal. The actions, the memory, the mental condition, and the final confrontation with death, are presented. This is a story of horror and as one reads it, he realizes how blessed it will be to be taken in the first blast if nuclear warfare should come.



## Second In A Series Of Five Articles

## The Question Of Abortion

By Bob Adams, Associate Professor  
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Until recently, abortion was not only a criminal offense, it could not even be talked about openly. It combined the taboo subjects of pain, anguish, illicit sex, and death. Recently, increasing pressure from many groups forced first talk, then decisions and action. A Supreme Court decision in January, 1973, drastically affected abortion laws. Prior to that, a 1971 Southern Baptist Convention resolution called for legislation that would "allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother."

What is abortion? What does the Bible say about it? Abortion is "the removal of a developing infant."

from the female womb (uterus) before it would appear of its own accord."



Dr. Adams  
This procedure has as its purpose that of removing the developing infant deliberately, with its resulting death.

What does the Bible say directly about abortion? It says nothing directly about induced abortion. It does treat the case of spontaneous abortion, or miscarriage, as the result of an accident, in Exodus 21:22, 23: "And if men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart, and yet no harm follow; he shall surely be fined, according as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if any harm follow, then thou shalt give life for life..." (ASV). This is obviously a case of accidentally caused spontaneous abortion. There is no intention of removing the developing infant nor causing its death, although both things actually happen. Harm is done to the fetus, accidentally, of that there is no doubt, and indemnity must be paid or reparation made to the woman's family, represented by her husband. That it is a community and not just a family matter is seen by the intervention of judges. However, if "harm follow," that is, if the woman is injured or killed, that is another matter, and punishment (not just indemnity or reparation) is spelled out in detail, the punishment matching the gravity of injury, to the maximum justice of "life for life."

Several things are implied in this passage that are important for us. First, human life and personhood are of great importance. This is seen in the value placed on the woman who may be injured or killed. Second, injury to the woman or the death of the infant are not just private matters, but are the concern of the entire community, represented by the judges. Third, in comparison to the woman, the developing fetus, although important, does not have the importance that she has. This is seen in the penalties attached to 1) the death of the developing infant and/or 2) the injury or death of the woman. These implications, seen in the light of other clear-cut biblical teachings, are of great help in the current confusion and controversy over induced abortion.

In the intricate and interrelated plan of creation as we know it on earth, God has placed man as the crown, the culminating point of privilege, responsibility, and value. However, only God is of absolute value. Man has relative value: relative to God first, then to his fellow man, then to the rest of creation. Among his fellows, there is no human who is of more inherent or intrinsic value than another. Yet responsibilities accepted in community weigh heavily when one human life must be weighed in relation to another.

In the case of contemplated induced abortion, many needs and rights come into play. Most arguments pro and con single out or emphasize one, and play down or ignore the rest. Consideration must be given to the pregnant woman, the developing infant, the immediate family, and the larger community. Scripture would counsel this, and contemporary society's needs demand it.

The pregnant woman is the person in the situation with the most inherent responsibilities and values. Yet most of the laws and traditions regulating abortion are made by men. Most theological formulations were made by men who were unmarried, and so did not have the felt responsibility that a prospective father would have. Since the 1973 Supreme Court decision, it is this woman who bears the primary responsibility-privilege of either bearing the child or putting an end to its developing life. Others may help, counsel, guide, defend, or condemn: the burden of

final decision is hers. A physician must be secured who will advise, consent, and do the medical procedure. But abortion is more than a mere medical procedure.

The woman will be bearing a load of fear, anger, guilt, and depression—future and present, whether she chooses to abort or carry the child. Likely she also feels rejected, at least potentially. Many physicians are not trained to deal satisfactorily with these emotions. In addition they do not have the time. A Christian, humane, biblical ministry can help in this traumatic experience.

Careful consideration must also be given to the developing fetus. There are those who would give equal weight to its rights to continue living, in opposition to or conjunction with the mother's rights. They say that to terminate the life of the fetus is murder which is prohibited in Scripture. In the first instance, the penalty for causing the death of the fetus in the Scripture cited is not the same as for murder. In close proximity is the penalty for the possible death (murder or homicide) of the prospective mother. Evidently, procuring the death of the fetus, although extremely serious and demanding reparation, is not seen as murder. One interpretation of the biblical code concerning murder emphasizes the following, "He that smiteth a man, so that he dieth, shall surely be put to death" (Exodus 21:12). The fetus is not considered a man (fully responsible and privileged human being), therefore, a murder has not taken place. This does not mean the fetus receives no consideration. The same interpretation sees therapeutic abortion as an extremely grave step. All the other possibilities must be examined, and the consequences of each weighed carefully against the contemplated abortion.

The next to be considered is the immediate family itself. The Scripture assumes a family responsibility, which is usually tragically lacking today. Feelings of rejection, fear, and guilt boil below the surface and threaten or disrupt family relationships. The healing Christian ministry is needed again here.

Society also has something at stake. The recent Supreme Court ruling, in dividing the pregnancy into three stages, places in each stage a gradually increasing responsibility to society. It is said that some 30 million abortions are performed in the world each year. These actions cannot help but gradually and certainly affect society's views about the value of human life. However, the reasons for the abortions and the circumstances under which they are done determine what the view will be, as much as the acts themselves.

The 1971 Southern Baptist resolution (reaffirmed in 1974 by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas) takes abortion seriously. It is a serious matter. It is not murder, but neither is it something to be done simply on request or demand. The Model Abortion Bill, Section 230.3 of the Model Penal Code, is one that is workable in our pluralistic society. Any other restrictions would be an imposition on some group in American society. This model may be supported for legislative action where needed.

Abortion in present law is not mandatory. It is a possibility. Christian concern should include respect for life, the life of the mother and the developing fetus primarily, but also that of family and society. Loving concern for those most vitally affected will help them to weigh the alternatives and their consequences, then make a responsible decision. The same concern will stand by them in the days of living out the decision.

Christians should never claim that induced abortion is right. However, under certain circumstances it might carry fewer tragic, painful consequences than other possible courses of action. All possibilities should be carefully weighed and judged in the light of the best spiritual and medical counsel available.

God's forgiveness, cleansing, and constant accepting presence are always real. They come from him, and they are also shared by his people with all who will accept them.

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Guy Lockhart, missionary journeyman to Rhodesia from Jackson, is pictured with Sakini, her aide and interpreter.



Guy gives a blow shot to a sick baby in a Rhodesian clinic.



Guy gives tracts at one of the bush clinics. The people are dressed in winter clothing.



Malnutrition afflicts many Rhodesian children. This child was kept in the Baptist Hospital in Sanyati to be given the proper diet.

## Jackson Journeyman Home From Rhodesia

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Spiders — scorpions — lizards — you never knew what to expect! Before I went to bed I'd take my flashlight and search the room — behind the bed, in the corners, under the sheets." She laughed. It was funny now, but it had not been at the time.

She had used her flashlight to check for invaders because at nine o'clock every night the electricity was turned off. Since the Southern Baptist mission station in Sanyati, Rhodesia, generates its own electric power, early "lights out" is a conservation measure. A smaller generator is then switched on so that the hospital will not be without power.

"Sometimes the generator breaks down and the electricity goes off altogether. Often the water pump quits. And the heat is terrific — up to 120 degrees."

Problems? They were myriad. But for the young missionary nurse, the good far outweighed the bad. Mary Guy Lockhart spent the past two years as a journeyman, working under the Foreign Mission Board in Rhodesia. Slightly over a month ago she came home to 1602 Myrtle Street in Jackson, the house that has been home to her since birth, a stone's throw from Belhaven College and down the street from Riverside Park.

If she could flip the calendar backward, she would not make a different decision from the one she made in 1972. To other young people who might consider being journeymen, she says, "Go! It is one of the greatest opportunities you will ever have to learn about other people, and to learn about yourself. If you feel the Lord directing you toward this in any way, I would urge you to follow his leading. You can get information about the journeyman program by writing the Foreign Mission Board. Journeymen must be under 27, and have a college degree. The FMB pays travel expense to and from the field, and a minimum living wage."

Hardly had she unpacked before she was leaving again for a week at Glorieta. She paused, the other afternoon, in her packing. To the accompaniment of stereo music from the den and the muted hum of freeway traffic and the cozy clatter of coffee cups, she talked about the world of Sanyati.

"It is in the middle of an African Reserve (only Africans are permitted to live in the Reserve). There are no large towns nearby, only townships, or small villages with a few buildings and a place where the people may have their corn ground. Most of the area is bush, or jungle — like land."

"Sanyati itself is not a large place — just the Baptist hospital and school and the missionaries' homes. These missionaries included three journeymen, eight families, and four other single missionaries. A five-ton truck brings groceries and supplies from Gatooma, an hour and a half drive on a dirt road. Sometimes the milk and other perishable foods spoil before they reach Sanyati."

In the Sanyati Baptist Hospital, Guy kept regular nursing hours but also helped out in emergencies and in other situations when she was needed. Three days a week she would fly in the small mission plane to eleven different "under five" clinics in the surrounding bush area. There she examined and treated babies "under five" and talked with the babies' mothers about how to feed and take care of their children correctly. She found that malnutrition was one of the greatest problems, and perhaps the most usual cause for the children's illnesses. Coughing and diarrhea almost always went along with the malnutrition. Either the mothers did not know what to feed the

babies, or did not have the proper food to give them, or did not know how to prepare the food properly. While Guy was in these clinics, she would give tracts, and sometimes Bibles, to the mothers. Though she could not speak the language, she could witness through the interpreter and nurse's aide who went with her.

There she did not have disposable needles. Once she gave more than 200 measles shots with only three needles.

"What did I enjoy most in Rhodesia? It was the work with children! That opened up a whole new field to me since I had never worked just with children before. It was simply a whole new revelation of life." After earning the B.S. from University of Tennessee, she had previously worked about two years at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis, but her work there had been in the intensive care unit.

Her favorite Rhodesian child was Kapudzi, a little girl she "adopted" for nearly a year. Kapudzi was six years old, motherless, frightened and very sick with a respiratory infection when her father brought her to the Baptist hospital in Sanyati. She stayed at the hospital for a while, then went to a tuberculosis hospital, and later lived in Guy's home for several months. She is now with her father and young brother, but is still crucially ill and must go regularly to the tuberculosis hospital for check-ups. On one visit to the clinic her father became a Christian. (Kapudzi's story was told in the June 27 Baptist Record.)

Guy says that she feels the greatest need in Rhodesia today, health-wise, is for better education, so that the people may see the need of improving their way of living, and thus the health standards. Also, because of the isolation of the Sanyati area, it is hard to get orderlies and aides to remain at the hospital for very long. The greatest need, mission-wise, as she sees it, is the need for many more active laymen, nationals who will get involved and take the responsibility for helping to witness. Since the people are scattered, and the missionaries are few, the missionaries cannot alone possibly reach all who need to be reached. To help, a church training group from First Church, Jackson, sent a tape reader to a young Rhodesian layman.

Besides the time at work, Guy did have time to play, too. Journeymen may have from two to four weeks vacation in their two years of service, and are encouraged to take the break, for they need it.

"Martha Perry of Washington, D.C., another journeyman, teacher of MKs — was my roommate. We traveled on our vacation to Victoria Falls. Martha's father is a preacher. Her parents came over and her father preached in revivals in some of the Rhodesian churches."

For shorter breaks, she would ride the bicycle or play tennis. Also she learned to cook. She would knit or read until the lights went out at nine. "I guess I read more in the last two years than I ever have in my life!" The missionaries, she says, have built up a fairly nice library there. Too, they share their personal books. Friends from the Baptist Book Store in Jackson (Guy's mother works there) sent several boxes of books, at least \$250 worth. The Baptist Record arrived regularly, though six weeks old. Now that she's back in Jackson, Guy says her recreational pursuits will certainly include tennis and swimming and craft work such as decoupage.

On her way to Africa and back she stopped in Rome, Athens, Nairobi, Israel, and visited friends in Switzerland and London. However, she plans now to settle down in Jackson, continuing to live on Myrtle Street, at least for the immediate future. She has applied at local hospitals for a job as nurse.

What is responsible for her interest in missions? "I was brought up in a mission-minded home and church. I never knew anything other than that I was SUPPOSED to think of missions. I never knew there could be another way to think. I have been active in First Church, Jackson, since I was in Cradle Roll. I was a Sunbeam, GA, YWA..." She publicly professed her faith in Christ when she was eight or nine, and was baptized by Dr. Douglas Hudgins, then her pastor.

Her mother remembers that when Guy was little she often played nurse and would sometimes wrap her hand in a bandage torn from a sheet — and let it stay tied up for maybe a week. When Guy returned from Rhodesia, she said, "God knew way back then that he was preparing my heart for Sanyati."

Speaking to the Baptist Women of

## Is God Guiding?

## Promotion To The Presidency

By Ada T. McCool

Honest confession is good for the soul: good for the moral and emotional nature of man, and likewise good for the vital principle of government. For many months the soul of our nation has been in a turbulent state of unrest and anxiety because the vital principles of our government were being challenged.

When our chief executive, Mr. Richard M. Nixon, saw that the troubling of the waters was destroying his very soul as well as the soul of the nation, he did what any straight thinking, red blooded American would have done. He confessed his wrong doing, gave up the presidency, and stepped into the role of private citizen.

Out of the chaos and confu-

sion that was destroying an individual and the government came peace and contentment. To Mr. Nixon came an unveiling of his vision as he saw his father as a great "little man" who was honorable and discreet; his mother, said he, "is a saint." In his grand finale he saw all the people of America standing in the need of prayer and asked God's grace upon everyone.

Pondering the essence, the very soul of this entity, the transition of leaders of the nation. Was there a miracle? Is the hand of God guiding America? Are the unprecedented actions of this year that have caused a man to be promoted from Congress to president within a few short months a matter that should be given special thought?

First Church on August 6, she expressed appreciation for the role that the church's WMU has played in her life.

Her parents, Louise and J. B. Lockhart, were active Baptists. (Her father died while she was still at Murrah High.) In her work as missionary nurse, Guy was emulating both her brothers, one a doctor and one a preacher. The older, Dr. Jim B. Lockhart, is a physician in Tulsa, Okla. And John David is a preacher in Little Rock, Ark., working under the Home Mission Board.

Graduation from Murrah High, two years at Mississippi College, University of Tennessee, nursing at John Gaston Hospital, and then in July, 1972, she was commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board as a journeyman, bound for Rhodesia.

The two years are up, and she feels that her life is infinitely richer for having spent them as she did. Spiders? scorpions? lizards? who cares about them?

## MK Weds MK On Mission Field

Gloria Ellen Marler and David Jackson Glaze exchanged wedding vows, August 6, at the Marianas Baptist Church, on Guam.

Missionary L. Parkes Marler, father of the bride and pastor of the church, performed the double-ring ceremony. He is from Harpersville, Mississippi. Mother of the bride is Martha Ellen Townsend Marler, also of Harpersville.

Parents of the groom are Dr. and Mrs. A. Jackson Glaze, missionaries in Buenos Aires, Argentina where Dr. Glaze serves as president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Glaze is from Pelahatchie, Miss. Mrs. Glaze is the former Eugenia Johnson of Greenwood, South Carolina.

After honeymooning on Guam and Hawaii, the couple will return to Clinton where they will complete their college education at Mississippi College before going on to seminary.

The Glazes live at Ramon L. Ralco 4080, Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Marlers may be addressed at Box EW, Agana, Guam 96910.

A lot of people have been spelling the name of the wife of President Madison incorrectly. It's Dolley, not Dolly, according to authorities on history. Actually, she is said to have been named Dorothea, after Dorothea Dandridge, the second wife of Patrick Henry.

## Englishman Has Mission:

## Help Countrymen With Programs

GLORIETA, N. M. — Tony Ruddle has an important mission. It began half a way around the world nine months ago. It probably won't be completed for a long time, after thousands of Englishmen like Tony have contributed to the cause. That cause is the work of Baptists in England.

A native of London, Tony is an English Baptist. He has spent the past nine months at the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., studying the policies and procedures of the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist life in the local church.

Tony is the fifth member of the five-year-old British Internship Program,

co-sponsored by Dallas' First Church and Spurgeon's College in London, England.

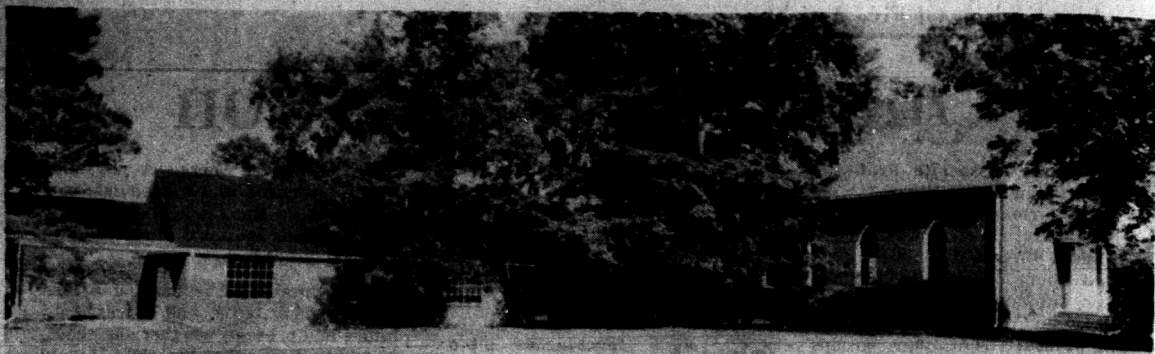
Speaking during the joint Church Training-Sunday School Conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here, the bachelor of divinity graduate of Spurgeon's explained, "During my stay in the States, I am studying and observing Southern Baptist programs and materials which could be used in England."

"In my work at First Church, Dallas, I do everything an American pastor would normally do. I am on the church staff and take part in the activities including retreats, hospital

visitations, counseling, and attending the Southern Baptist Convention and Glorieta during Sunday School and Church Training weeks.

Concerning the SBC convention held in mid-June, the Englishman stated, "I was amazed at the number of messengers and at the ease of pace at which business continued to move. I was impressed that every unit of the convention saw its aim to be evangelism. I hope this view is never lost. After all, the aim of Christians should be to win the world to Jesus now and not leave it to a select few, which is neither Biblical nor Christ-like."





## Salem, Learned, Dedicates Fellowship Hall

Dedication ceremonies for a \$30,000 Fellowship Hall recently were held at Salem Church near Learned. The 19,000 square foot structure in photo above will seat 100 people and houses pastor's study and kitchen. The building was debt free at the completion. Taking part in the dedication ceremonies were, (at right) from left, Rev. Harry F. Jones, pastor; Perry Smith, Charles Ferguson, Alden McNair, chairman of deacons; Eugene Osborn, chairman of building committee; Bill Carter, contractor; Tommy Brock and Leonard Rowe.



## Professional Scheduling Service Is Established In Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A professional scheduling service for speakers, entertainers, musicians, educators, theologians and writers has been established in Louisville, Kentucky.

The agency is called McKinney Associates, and its Christian focus makes it somewhat unique in the country, according to the agency's director, Michael A. McKinney.

McKinney said he considers the agency's main role to be a "minister of introduction."

"We are organized to put people in touch with each other; our scope and definition go far beyond that of a traditional 'booking agency,'" he said.

"Our distinction as an agency is in the people we represent," McKinney said. "They are professional, they are personable, they each feel a sense of genuine Christian commitment to their vocations."

McKinney Associates schedules such diverse personalities as:

—Grady Nutt, nationally known humorist from Louisville, Kentucky.

—Dr. Wayne Oates, a Louisville-based educator and writer in the field of psychology of religion.

—Dr. Loren Young, of Atlanta, Ga., a Methodist minister and former national director of special programs for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, who now is a full-time speaker.

—Gene Cotton, of Nashville, Tenn., a folk singer, song writer and recording artist on the Myrrh label.

—George Fields, of Louisville, a singer and speaker.

—Joe Mason, of Nashville, a special occasion speaker and song writer, who is former minister of youth and recreation for the First Baptist churches of Nashville and Atlanta.

—Joe Creason, Kentucky's leading folklorist, and daily columnist in The Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal.

—Greg and Sharon Hancock, a Louisville couple who sing, write songs and perform throughout the Kentucky area.

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## Bible Conference

## Hosts Largest Ridgecrest Week

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Nearly 3,500 people attended the Bible Preaching Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center recently, making it the largest week of the summer for 1974.

The Bible Preaching Conference, sponsored by the church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was only one of a number of instructional and inspirational leadership conferences offered during the week.

Fenton Moorehead, West Palm Beach, Fla., spoke to about 1,500 youths in the Youth Bible Conference each morning.

Jim Henry, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, was pastor for the week and Larry Black, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., led the music.

## Nominations May Be Sent For MC Alumnus of Year

Individuals throughout the state desiring to submit nominations for "Alumnus of the Year" for 1974 at Mississippi College should do so immediately according to Mrs. Ralph Hester of Jackson, chairman of the selection committee.

Mrs. Hester said nominations must be received by the selection committee prior to their meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12. Winner of the coveted honor will be announced during Homecoming activities at the college on Saturday, Nov. 2.

Nomination blanks outlining information needed on each nominee may be secured from the Alumni Office at the college. Nominations can also be made in letter form, provided complete biographical information is given.

Under rules established by the Alumni Association, all nominees must have been out of college for at least 15 years. The award is limited to those who, through a long period of years, have worked with marked intelligence and success to promote the highest interest of Mississippi College and their home communities.

The committee will also be receiving nominations for the "Order of the Arrow" Award. This award honors alumni or friends who have made outstanding personal or professional achievement in their professions, businesses or careers.

Persons desiring to make nominations for either of the awards should mail their entries to Dr. F. D. Hewitt, director of alumni affairs, P. O. Box 4027, Clinton, Miss., 39058, or to Mrs. Hester at 1236 Belvoir Place, Jackson, Miss. 39202.

## TV Drama, On Prisons

"Stone in the River," a special one-hour dramatic production which examines the ramifications of experimental behavior - modification programs in America's prisons, will be broadcast on the NBC Television Network Sunday, Sept. 8 (4:5 p.m. EDT).

The program, which uses drama as a means of informing, was written by Emmy Award winner Allan Sloane ("To All My Friends on Shore," 1971-72) and produced by the Television Religious Programs Unit of NBC News in association with the National Council of Churches.

The play tells the story of prisoner Sawyer Burke, and other unmanageable convicts who become candidates in a rehabilitation program which uses unusual methods in attempting to convert criminals into decent, respectable citizens.

Doris Ann is executive producer of "Stone in the River"; producer-director is Martin Hoade.

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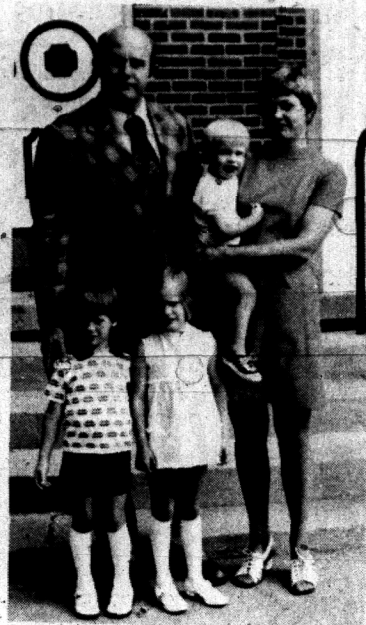
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The Robinsons

## "Dying" Church Revives Under Interim Pastor

By Memphis H. Nevels  
Pearlhaven Church, Lincoln Association, is experiencing spiritual growth under unusual circumstances. The reason this story is unique is because of the many accomplishments the church has made under the leadership of an interim pastor.

A little over a year ago Pearlhaven was struggling for survival, both spiritually and financially. Attendance had fallen off because of lack of interest. When this happens finances begin to taper off also. The church had reached the point where it could not afford a full-time pastor. Pearlhaven was about to close its doors.

Through the concerted efforts of a few dedicated Christian church members and the leadership of God, Rev. Ronny Robinson, a young minister of Jackson, was sought out to supply as interim pastor.

Then and there the miracle happened. Brother Robinson maintained his full-time job in Jackson, commuting to Brookhaven to fill the needs of the church and its members. Almost immediately great things began to happen.

Because of his concern for God's work, dedication to service, and a genuine love for people, he is helping Pearlhaven to realize many wonderful blessings.

Accomplishments realized during the past year are:

Painting, paneling and carpeting sanctuary; papering, painting and carpeting nursery; central heat and air for educational building; attendance doubled in Sunday School; began weekly prayer services again; started Training Union once again; taking part in Associational Youth Rallies, winning attendance banner three times; forming church softball team; beginning church music program with possibility of hiring music director; black-topping back parking area (also to be used as recreational area); many church-related activities begun for both young and adults. Numerous other things are in the planning stages, but with the prayers and work of a dedicated people, these also will be realized.

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## Dr. McLemore To Lead History Studies At Jackson, First

Dr. R. A. McLemore, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, will conduct a four-session Sunday night study of Mississippi Baptist history at First Church, Jackson, beginning September 1. The study will be held during the Church Training hour at 5:45 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Dr. McLemore has written, edited, or co-authored a number of articles and books on history. The more recent publications are A History of Mississippi Baptists, a two-volume history of Mississippi, and is currently working with his wife on A History of the First Baptist Church, Jackson. The four-session study will conclude with the preview of his new book on the church's history.

The interesting Sunday evening sessions will be preceded by a church-wide fellowship period entitled "The Olde Tyme Baptist Fellowship Hour." The activities of the fellowship period will feature on September 1, "A Baptist, 'Sacred Harp' Singin'" with special guests J. Boyd Adams, state president of the Sacred Harp Convention, and the Mississippi Folk Voices; September 8, "People are Funny... So Are Baptists" as humorous events in Baptist life will be revived; September 15, "The Dechurching of a Fellow Baptist"; and September 22, "I Remember When" as yarns and tales are told on early life at First Baptist Church.

"The public is invited to this special study on Mississippi Baptist History," states David Roddy, educational director.

## McDowell Road To Hear SS Authority

Dr. Elmer Towns will be guest speaker during a Church Growth Conference at McDowell Road Church, 1020 McDowell Road, Jackson, on September 6-8. There will be an evening session Friday night at 7:30, Saturday morning at 9:30, and a demonstration of proper methods of teaching a Sunday School class at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Dr. Towns will speak Sunday morning to the entire Sunday School at 9:45.

Dr. Towns, pictured, heads the Institute for Sunday School Growth, headquartered in Savannah, Georgia, where he spends half of his time in statistical research and writing. The remainder of his energies are invested in visiting, observing and researching churches all over America. Dr. Towns is author of twenty-one books, the best known The Ten Largest Sunday Schools was on the best-seller list of religious publications. Two other books also made the best-seller list, Church Affaire, and America's Fastest Growing Churches.

A former Bible College president, Towns is also regarded as one of the most knowledgeable persons in the field of Sunday Schools in the country. He is known for his research regarding Sunday School growth and large Sunday Schools. While critics deplored the decline of Sunday Schools, his diligent research into statistics reveal that churches holding a fundamental theological position are growing in attendance, membership, and financial income, while those of a more liberal persuasion are declining.



# God's Purpose For Man: Fellowship With His Maker

Carey To Hear  
Tom Haggai

By William J. Falls  
Genesis 1:1 to 3:24

With this lesson we begin a six-month survey of the entire Bible. It offers an opportunity to see the Bible as a whole, based on the conviction that the real unity of both Testaments lies in God's search for man and man's response. In following his theme for three months through the Old Testament, we will discover in history, law, and prophecy the idea that gives meaning to the whole collection of thirty-nine books. Today we begin at the beginning. Creation was

not a divine diversion; it was the stage setting for the drama of redemption. Man was not merely God's most complicated creature; he was created in God's image to have fellowship with his Maker.

## The Lesson Explained MAN IN GOD'S IMAGE (1:26-31)

Genesis depicts in dramatic sequence the work of God in fashioning the world out of chaos and nothingness. Day by day appeared light and darkness, earth and water, growing things, sun and moon, and the whole animal kingdom. Then on the

sixth day, God (the Hebrew word is plural) proposed a climax: "Let us make man in our image." As God is Person, so man would be a person. While physically similar to animals, man is vastly different. He is aware of himself; he knows he is a person and can relate to other persons. He has imagination, a sense of humor, and can think rationally. He can appreciate beauty and respond to love. He can enjoy fellowship with God in prayer.

Another way to interpret the role of man in God's image may be found in God's charge to man and woman in verses 28-30. They were to increase the family of man and to exercise authority over "every living thing." They were made responsible as representatives of God—in his image—for controlling the animal kingdom and using the vegetable kingdom.

TO TEST THE INNER MAN (2:15-17)

God provided a wonderful place for the first man to live; Eden was rich in food and water, and it was beautiful. At its center were two special trees, and one of them represented the knowledge of good and evil. These words are not used here primarily in their moral sense; they really refer to the whole of knowledge, the entire spectrum of truth.

Eating the fruit of this tree was strictly forbidden. Since Eden provided all the water and food that man could use, the command against eating from the tree of knowledge was no threat to man's health, no handicap to his physical well-being. But it was essential for testing the inner man. To this point, man was neither good nor bad; he was innocent. He had no awareness of right or wrong. He knew what God wanted him to do (1:28). But until now God had not said what man should not do. In his free-

dom, man must meet both tests.

## EXILED FROM EDEN (3:22-24)

Adam and Eve did not pass the tree of knowledge test. Its fruit was attractive and tasty. The serpent had boldly contradicted God's promise of death for disobedience, and he had claimed instead that the fruit would make man like God, "knowing good and evil." It was not enough to be made in the image of God; Adam and Eve wanted to be equal with God.

Eden had been planned as a home for innocent and obedient mankind. When Adam and Eve showed they did not trust God enough to obey him, they were unworthy of a place prepared for those who would be loyal to him. Severe sentences were given the serpent, Eve, and Adam, but the worst part was in the pair's being exiled from Eden. In the outside world childbirth would be an ordeal, and a new hostility in nature would force man to struggle for his food. Rather than risking their making an unworthy approach to God by violating the tree of life, God decided they must leave Eden forever.

Dr. Tom Haggai will be the featured speaker at William Carey College on Thursday, August 29, on the occasion of the honoring of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Thomas of Hattiesburg. A new business administration building, completed on the front campus this year from a portion of the 1973 Million Dollar Campaign funds, is being officially dedicated and named for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Dr. Haggai will also speak at 10 a.m. the same day at the college's opening convocation for the 1974-75 school year.

Dr. Haggai, a popular speaker from High Point, North Carolina, is president of Tom Haggai and Associates Foundation. He has averaged speaking once a day for the past decade, logging over 250,000 miles each year, has spoken in all 50 states and in 21 foreign countries.



## Names In The News

Dr. Donald Winters, Dean of the William Carey College School of Music, was featured as the opening convocation speaker at Southern Baptist Seminary on Tuesday, August 27. Dr. Winters discussed the subject, "The Launching of the School of Music of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as Recalled by Donald and Frances Winters." The couple, who have been at William Carey College for the past eighteen years, were previously on the faculty at Southern Seminary and were strategically involved with the founding of the Southern Seminary School of Music.

The Pastoral Counseling and Avenue, Jackson, announces that Consultation Center, 336 Keener

Waudine Nelson, Ph.D., clinical psychologist, has joined the counseling staff, according to Rev. A. Eugene Dyess, founder-executive director. Dr. Nelson, a native Mississippian, has been working as counselor to students at Anderson College and as a psychologist with the Center for Mental Health, both in Anderson, Indiana. While obtaining the doctorate from Vanderbilt University, she interned and continued on the staff of the Nashville Mental Health Center. Dr. Nelson's father was Rev. L. T. Nelson, minister in the Mississippi Methodist Conference for 26 years, before his death.

Leon Castle, a former associate in the Sunday School department of the Baptist Convention, of the State of Georgia, has joined the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as a consultant in children's work.

Two well known Southern Baptist leaders were honored as Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar, Mo., held Summer Commencement exercises Friday evening, August 9. The Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred upon Dr. Jack Stanton and the Trustees' Medallion was presented to Dr. Ben Fisher.

John Dudley, 32, associate director of Insurance Services for the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been promoted to the post of acting director. Harold H. Morgan, board president, made the announcement.

Billy Ray Miller, pictured, has resigned as minister of music and youth at Morgantown Church, Natchez, to accept a similar position at Emmanuel Church, Monroe, La. (Rev. Carl Barnes, pastor). Rev. Charles Hollifield, Morgantown pastor, states, "Brother Miller leaves us a good adult choir and the best youth choir we have ever had." The youth choir has climbed from an enrollment of 28 to one of 55, and the average attendance has increased from 16 to 45. Mr. Miller has been director of the youth group, "The Good Life Singers." Also he is author of a series of music workbooks sold and distributed by Crescendo Music Publications of Dallas (and by Standard Church Music Supplies, Box 2442, Monroe, La. 71201). He first started working on the books two years ago and has written four in a proposed series of eight. The books are used to teach children's choirs.

John Ragland, of Beirut, Lebanon, 16-year-old son of Southern Baptist missionaries Mr. and Mrs. James K. Ragland, won third prize and more than \$1,000 in an art contest sponsored by Trans Mediterranean Airlines. About 450 paintings were entered, some of them by professional artists. A panel of European art critics judged the show. Ragland has studied art in Beirut for several years and will attend the University of Oklahoma as an architecture student in the fall.

Evangelist Jerry Mixon has been nominated to appear in the 1974 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*. This national publication recognizes men between the ages of 21 and 35 who have distinguished themselves by their civic and professional achievements. Mr. Mixon is a his second year of full-time evangelism. He is presently working through Petal-Harvey Church as resident evangelist (Rev. Jerry Henderson is pastor).

An ordination service was held at Bouie Street Church, Hattiesburg, July 14. Larry Braswell was ordained to the full Gospel Ministry and Thomas Gene Myers and Joe Thomas Stewart were ordained as deacons. Dr. Joel Ray, Lebanon superintendent of missions, brought the ordination sermon. Rev. Garland McInnis presented the charge to the deacons, while Rev. John R. Klem presented the charge to the church.



Mr. and Mrs. John E. Schoolar, missionaries to South West Africa, may be addressed at P. O. Box 20194, Windhoek 9100, South West Africa. He is a native of Winston County, Miss.

Rev. Matthew L. Greer, pastor of Corinth Church, Tallahatchie Association, was among those receiving degrees at the University of Mississippi on August 18 at Oxford. He received a Master of Education with a major in guidance and counseling. Along with his pastorate he is serving as guidance counselor for the Charleston High School at Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie A. Doyle Jr., missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa 226, 69000 Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil).

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts, missionaries to Peru, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1427 Fox, Memphis, Tenn. 38111).

Dr. and Mrs. Merrill D. Moore Jr., missionaries to Gaza on furlough, may be addressed at 1208 Hester, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Redding, missionaries to Peru on furlough, may be addressed at 708 Minerva Drive, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Bethea, missionaries to Kenya, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 33 N. Cleveland, Memphis, Tenn. 38104).

Miss Dot Lott, missionary to Brazil, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa 950-ZC-00, 20000 Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil).

B. G. Hickem, pastor of First Baptist Church of Panama City, Fla., was elected assistant executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, effective September 1, at a state board of missions meeting here. A native of Royalton, Ill., Hickem is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. He is a chaplain in the U. S. Army Reserve with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Hickem pastored several churches in Arkansas before coming to Florida. Presently he is chairman of the Florida convention board of missions.

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## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# A Man Who Failed

By Bill Duncan  
Acts 12:25; 13:1-5; 13:15-34; II Tim. 4:11

Bill Glass graduated from Baylor as an all-American football player with opportunities to play in both the Canadian Football League and the National Football League. He chose to play with the Rough Riders of the Canadian League. They had high expectations that he would contribute to their ball club. The Canadian newspaper where the club was located started a count-down of the remaining weeks and days before he would arrive. The club expected miracles from him but even his hopes were soon shattered.

The Rough Riders shifted him from defensive middle guard to outside linebacker, a position he was not accustomed to play. He proved to be a disappointment to the club and himself.

He forgot the effort that it had cost to play good football during his senior year in college. He was under the illusion that he could play good football without really trying. He failed to give the game everything that he had in practice and preparation. His play became so poor that the owner called him in and asked him to sit out a couple of games and not even dress out. He was even taken off the team.

One day sitting in front of a picture window watching the heavy snowfall, he asked his wife a question, "How did I get in this condition?"

They talked about it for a long time and finally both agreed that he was not giving the game his best. The only solution was to go back and try as hard as he could.

When the ball team returned from a road trip to Vancouver, he swallowed his pride, went over to the coach's house and begged him to let him come back on the active roster. To his surprise the coach agreed to let him play the three remaining games. His motivation to play had returned.

How many people do you know that have been kicked off the team of life? Most of them have never swallowed the pride to admit it was their fault.

Every day I deal with the estranged of our community. Most of them are blaming someone else for their failures. They say, "He did not like me, they ganged up on me, or I did not have a chance." The truth is that most people fail because they are trying something that they are not "fitted to do."

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Luke mentions that on the first missionary journey Barnabas and Saul took John Mark with them. At the third stop on the journey, Mark decided to return to Jerusalem. No reason is given but in Acts 15:38 Paul regarded Mark's departure as a desertion of missionary duty. Many explanations have been given but Paul felt so strong about his disappointments that he refused to take John Mark on the second journey. This caused Barnabas to choose to take Mark and not go with Paul. God used the disturbance to put two teams working in different areas on the field instead of one.

Apparently Barnabas was a staunch friend to John Mark. At least Barnabas' reasoning has been proven. Traditionally John Mark is considered as one who penned the Gospel assigned his name under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the instruction of Peter. In I Peter 5:13, Mark is referred to as Peter's son, an indication of the close personal relationship between them. Paul seems to have forgotten about Mark's failure because he writes in II Timothy 4:11, that "he is very useful in serving with me." Barnabas must have done a good job as a friend and guide.

FORGIVENESS TO FAILURES

Some people believe that Paul was too severe concerning John Mark, but Paul set for himself a high goal and was frustrated with others who were

less devoted than he. The love that Paul wrote about in I Corinthians was more than a passing idea. When John Mark had changed in spirit, he showed his love for him in the written words: "He is a useful man to have around."

The hardest words ever spoken by human lips are "I forgive you." Just as Bill Glass had to swallow his pride to ask for another chance so the coach had to swallow his pride and give forgiveness.

We all need to develop the ability to recognize other persons as more than hopeless failures. Some failures have made some bad choices, but the people on the road to success have not always made the right decisions.

John Wesley was visiting General Oglethorpe when the latter was governor of the colony of Georgia. Speaking one day of a man who had offended him, the governor said to Wesley, "I never forgive." Whereupon Wesley replied, "Then I hope, sir, that you never sin."

We must be willing to forgive the faults of others before we can expect God to forgive us. It is better to swallow one's pride than to choke on one's guilt.

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## FREE OF FAILURE

Some people are so fearful of fail-

ure that they will never try to succeed. One time Herbert Bayard Swope wrote, "I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure—which is: Try to please everybody." The idea of failure must be dwelt with. We cannot please everyone, or ourselves all the time, but we need the courage to get up when we fail. To fail is to be human. To get up and try again is to be a man.

James Buchanan, who later became President, was expelled from college because of indifference and low grades. Later, when he made successful plea for readmission, he was so changed in attitude that he was able to finish his college career as first in his class.

Let us try to understand why men fail in life. If we could only see them as they see themselves. The majority of people who are estranged from church have failed to see that the ministry of the church is designed to help the failures. We are all failures in different ways.

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## Devotional

## When Life Caves In

By Al Finch, Pastor, Woodland Hills, Jackson  
Lake 21-25-28

"But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28).

Men in varying and differing circumstances have had the heavens of their little world shaken. The passage above describes a condition that is always coming upon us. The childhood story of Chicken Little reminds us that we expect the "sky to fall." In graphic and classic language Jesus describes that fear of man.

There are times when orderly living, peace and security are gone, leaving crisis and chaos. For one man the powers of heaven may have been shaken when Jerusalem fell. For another, it may be sickness or bereavement that comes when he is entering a period of retirement to enjoy the benefits of his happy and fruitful life. A similar situation exists for a nation. Entering into a period without war, the entire nation struggles to cope with unscrupulous, profane, self-seeking leaders.

Jesus said that when the world caves in, we are to look up, for our redemption is near. In each dark, foreboding experience, Jesus Christ comes. He comes not just as historical Savior, who yesterday did for us what we could not do for ourselves. Nor does he come as some future Oriental despot, of whom we can only hope. But as the first century Christian came to understand, Jesus Christ has already come—he was reigning. Jesus Christ is reigning now. He will not come as king; he is king now.

The New Testament story is set in the framework of crisis. It is no different for modern man. We do not know our need as long as we imagine that we are getting along very well without him. But when "The powers of the heavens are shaken," we realize our impotency or helplessness.

It is the hope of the New Testament that the world is a temporary and limited affair. C. H. Dodd stated the hope that the world "will pass, and there will be nothing between us and Him." In the experience of "life, eaving in," we are enabled to really respond to him. Redemption comes from Him who comes when all else goes.

## Arcola Plans Lay Renewal Weekend

Arcola Church on August 18 held a pre-renewal conference in preparation for Lay Renewal Weekend. The coordinator, Sidney Ellis of Greenville, met with the pastor and group chairmen to explain purposes of Lay Renewal Weekend and the duties of the groups.

The Lay Renewal Weekend, to be Sept. 13-15, will involve 25 workers from surrounding churches. Sidney Ellis and Ernest Gunter will be coordinators. Friday and Saturday night services will begin at 7:30 and Sunday services at 9:45 a.m.

**DAE ES SALAAM, Tanzania** — The Baptist Women of Tanzania heard their country's first lady, Mrs. Marie Nyerere, speak at their annual meeting here recently. Mrs. Nyerere spoke on the importance of the family in the life of a nation, stressing three areas in the life of women — freedom, education and religion.

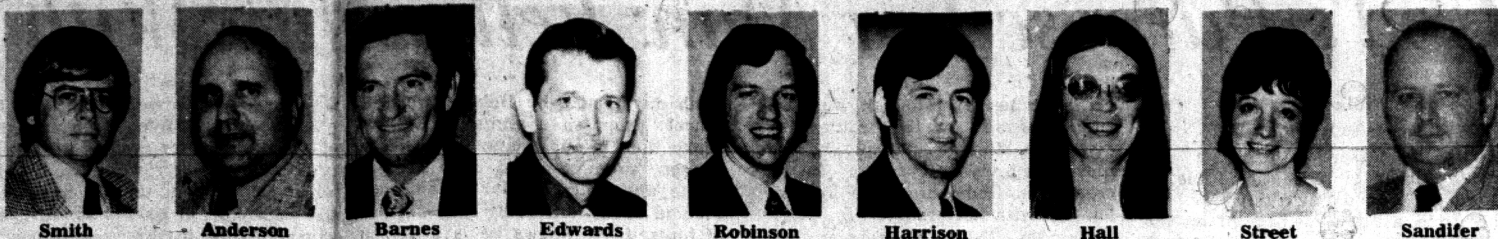
## Two Armed Gunmen Rob Seminary Treasurer's Office

**LOUISVILLE (BP)** — Two armed gunmen robbed the treasurer's office at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here while most students were vacationing two weeks before the opening of the fall term.

Approximately \$2,700 was taken by the thieves who forced treasurer, C. Richard Broome, and his staff to lie on the floor while the two men took the money from the office's cash drawer. The amount of money taken was larger than amounts usually kept in the treasurer's office because of an abnormally large amount of undeposited cash receipts.

There were no serious injuries during the incident, which was the first of its kind in the seminary's 116-year history. An incoming student, Paul Stephen Dean of Georgia, in the office to cash a check, received a minor cut on the jaw when one of the thieves kicked him to force him to lie down.

## Twelve Mississippians Graduate From N. O. Seminary



**NEW ORLEANS, La.** — Twelve Mississippians were among the students earning degrees and diplomas at New Orleans Seminary in July. Receiving degrees and diplomas were:

Diploma in pastoral ministry — Grantison C. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Chapman Smith of Meridian; Master of divinity — Harold A. An-

derson, pastor of First Church, Bude; Harry L. Barnes, pastor of Southside, Lucedale, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Barnes of Jackson; James L. Edwards, pastor of Friendship, Columbus, and son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Edwards, Coffeeville; Valentine K. Robinson, graduate of William Carey College; Master of theology, honors program

—Towfiq Salim Batarsch, graduate of Mississippi College (no photo available); Albert Ray Harrison, pastor of Zion Hill Church in Liberty; Master of religious education — LeRoy Carpenter, son of Cecil Carpenter of Sturgis (no photo available); Bonnie Sue Hall, graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M.

Hall, Magnolia; James Mashburn Jr., graduate of William Carey College and son of James Mashburn Sr., Buckatunna (no photo available); David Harold Sandifer Sr., pastor of Harmony Church, Picayune; and Mrs. Caroline Franklin Street, graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College.

## Rocky Mountain Bible Meets Scheduled At Glorieta

**GLORIETA, N. M.** — Four "Rocky Mountain Bible Conferences" have been planned at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center this fall. Dates for the conferences are September 16-21; October 9-14; October 16-21; and October 23-28.

"The casual morning schedule features two hours of Bible study by two outstanding Bible teachers," said Larry Haslam, Glorieta manager. "Afternoons are free for sightseeing (self-guided or conducted tours) around Glorieta, trout fishing, nature walks, rest and recreation."

"The evenings will feature an inspirational service and a period of refreshment and fellowship."

Donald F. Ackland, retired editor of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and well-known Bible teacher, will serve as the New Testament teacher for the four conferences.

J. Earl Mead, retired 30-year minister of education at Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, Tex., and long-time staff counselor at Glorieta, will be the inspirational speaker during the four weeks.

A different Old Testament teacher will be present for each of the four Bible conferences. The Old Testament teachers will include W. D. Wyatt, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M. — September 16-21; E. F. Hallock, retired 30-year pastor of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla. — October 9-14; and E. Hermond Westmoreland,

retired pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., and vice-president of the board of trustees for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board — October 16-21. The Old Testament teacher for the fourth week is yet to be announced.

According to Haslam, for the first time participants may select one of two package rates. The "Regular Package" is \$62 for each person for double occupancy or \$82 for each person for single occupancy. The "Deluxe Package," including housing in Chaparral Inn, is \$85 for each person for double occupancy. Single occupancy is not available with this package.

Persons interested in attending any of the Rocky Mountain Bible Conferences should send \$25 to Rocky Mountain Reservations, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M., 87535, or telephone (505) 757-6161. This \$25 fee includes \$23 registration fee, which will be credited to the charges for the conferences, and \$2 conference services fee.

The \$23 will be refunded if cancellation is received or postmarked 30 days before the date of the conference.

Also, brochures for the Rocky Mountain Bible Conferences will be mailed to individuals upon request.

Glorieta Baptist Conference Center is owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Revival Dates

**First, Summit:** youth-led; August 30 - Sept. 1; Friday - Sunday at 7 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m.; Buddy Mathis, MC, evangelist; Bruce Fields, MC, music evangelist; Rev. Larry W. Fields, pastor; Richard Lister, music director.

**Bethel (Pearl River):** September 8-13; services at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. David Millican, pastor, South McComb, evangelist; Jack Foll, Bogalusa, La., music; Rev. Joseph L. Small, pastor.

**Sunflower Church (Sunflower):** Sept. 6-8; Sidney Ellis, layman, Greenville, speaker; Glenn Ray, leading the singing; Friday and Saturday worship services 7:30 p.m., Sunday services regular time; Rev. Mike Murphy, pastor.

**Antioch (Neshoba):** September 1-6; services nightly at 7:30; Rev. G. A. McGrew from Jasper, Tennessee, evangelist; music under direction of Rev. Bill Wilkinson, associate pastor of First Church, Columbia; homecoming to be observed Sept. 1 and all former pastors, members, friends invited; Rev. Albert H. McMullen, pastor.

**Trinity (Neshoba):** September 1-6; services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Dr. Ronald W. Cherry, pastor, Steep Hollow, Poplarville, evangelist; James Moore, minister of music, Trinity, directing music; Rev. Grady M. Collins, pastor.

**First, Houlika:** September 1-6; Dr. Ronnie Phillips, pastor of Lakeside Church, New Orleans, evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Danny Cook of Tupelo, in charge of music; Mrs. Wilma Davis, pianist; Mrs. Ted Brown, Sr., organist; Rev. Woodrow Horn, pastor.

**First, Lauderdale:** September 1-6; services 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Stanley Barnett, pastor of Hill View, Birmingham, Ala., evangelist; Rev. Jerry Bishop, pastor.

## Jay Scott Smith, MK, Dies After Accident

**SELANGOR Malaysia (BP)** — Jay Scott Smith, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Smith, Southern Baptist missionaries to Malaysia, died here August 10 of injuries received the previous day when the bicycle he was riding was struck by a car. The funeral was Monday, August 12.

He received massive head injuries in the accident and was in a coma when he died. The Smiths have been stationed in Malaysia since 1973 when they moved from Singapore. He is involved in general evangelism work.

Survivors include the parents; two sisters, Beth (Mrs. William) Cochran of Missouri and Kendra Smith, currently living in Malaysia; a brother, Dan Smith of Kingsville, Mo.; and a grandmother, Mrs. Beulah Greenfield of Independence, Mo.

## Noteburnings And Groundbreakings



Fair River Church, Brookhaven, broke ground August 11 for construction of a new sanctuary. Left to right are Berry Givens, deacon chairman; Earl Maxwell, elder deacon; F. D. Moore, Building Committee chairman; and Rev. Danny Watkins, pastor.

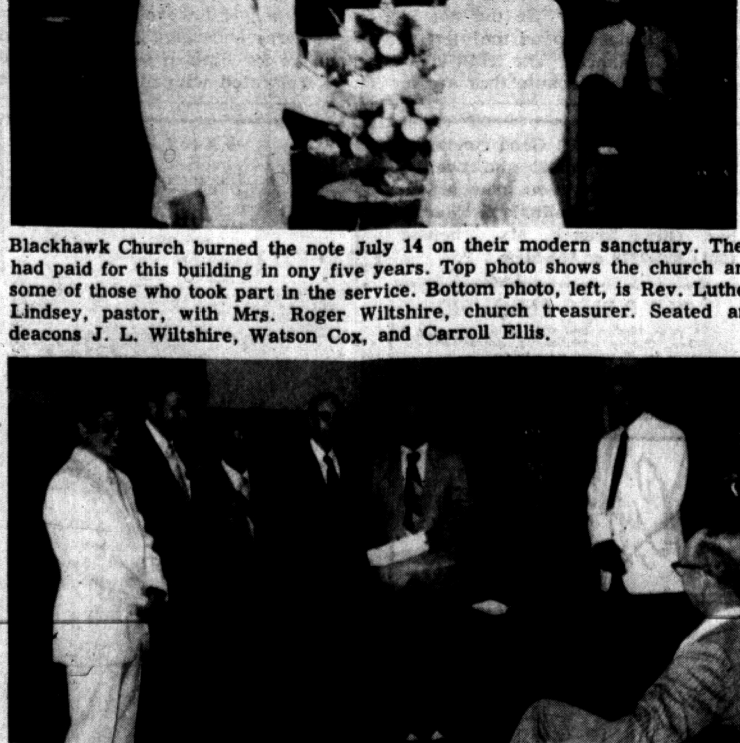


## Ridgeland Is Building Family Life Center

Pastor W. Everett Martin of the "Exciting" Ridgeland Church reports that the church is in the midst of the construction of a Family Life Center. The new structure will be used in the beginning for an interim auditorium and education building with complete kitchen and fellowship hall. Later this building will be equipped for a Family Life Center at which time the church will build the permanent sanctuary. Left to right, the Building Committee: Garvis Phillips, Jackie Johnston, Danny Thomas, W. E. Martin, pastor, Milton Quinn, and Bill Sturdivant, chairman. (Not pictured: Ted Jackson, Joyce McPhail, Shirley Pittman.)



Blackhawk Church burned the note July 14 on their modern sanctuary. They had paid for this building in only five years. Top photo shows the church and some of those who took part in the service. Bottom photo, left, is Rev. Luther Lindsey, pastor, with Mrs. Roger Wiltshire, church treasurer. Seated are deacons J. L. Wiltshire, Watson Cox, and Carroll Ellis.



Antioch Church, Rankin County, held homecoming and revival July 28-Aug. 4. The note for the new church was burned at the beginning of the services. Visitors from five states were present for homecoming services. Evangelists for revival were Rev. Harold McLendon, and Lee Faulkner, both from Mt. Zion (Rankin). Left to right, Charles Malone, minister of music, Chester Huff, R. L. Till, Jeff Winstead, Robert Patrick, LeRoy Wilkinson, and Rev. James N. Gill, pastor.

## State Delegates To Attend WCTU's 100th Convention

Mrs. Robert E. Rodgers, 3417 N. State St., Jackson, president of Mississippi Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will head a delegation from the state to the Centennial (100th) Anniversary convention of the National WCTU, which will meet in the Sheraton-Cleveland hotel, Cleveland, O., Aug. 30 through Sept. 2. Convention sessions will deal with the increasing onslaught of liquor traffic on the economy and in the broken homes, highway fatalities, suicides and homicides which it generates.

A convention highlight will be an address by Mrs. H. Cecil Heath of London, England, president of the World WCTU which recently completed its 28th triennial convention in Norway and was attended by some 2,000 delegates and visitors from over the world.

A pageant depicting the history of the National WCTU will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Rachel S. Waters, president of the New York state temperance organization.

Between 1,000 and 1,500 delegates and visitors in addition to about 500 members of the youth affiliates, who will also be active participants, are expected to attend the convention.

## Pleasant Grove Honors Pastor

Pleasant Grove in Wayne Association honored their pastor, Rev. Mac Parker, pictured, by proclaiming August 4 as Pastor Appreciation Day.

The congregation surprised him by announcing the event with two banners in the sanctuary and by seating the pastor in a special "royal seat" near the pulpit. Different members told what the pastor means in their lives. Then the youth choir sang the pastor's favorite songs.

Some of the accomplishments under Mr. Parker's leadership since February, 1971, were pointed out. These included a new parsonage, central heat and air for the education building, new equipment bought, repairs made, new piano and organ bought and paid for.

Mr. Parker was given a set of Broadman Bible commentaries on the New Testament, and a red rose boutonniere, denoting love.

## Off The Record

## Lucky Find

"I've been saving a lot of time, lately."

"How's that?"

"I found out that the dictionary is in alphabetical order."

A group of American tourists were being guided through an ancient castle in Europe. "This place," they were told, "is 600 years old. Not a stone in it has been touched, nothing altered, nothing replaced in all these years."

"Well," said one woman drily, "they must have the same landlord I have."

**Panhandler:** "Actually I'm an author. I once wrote a book entitled, 'One-Hundred Ways to Earn Money.'"

**Businessman:** "Then why are you begging?"

**Panhandler:** "It's one of the ways." —Sunshine Magazine

When the first-grader asked his mother why Daddy brought home a briefcase full of papers every night, the mother replied, "Daddy has so much to do that he can't finish it all at the office. That's why he has to work at night."

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